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The council checks out land east of Cemetery Road for travellers' site

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

THE Vale Council has been in touch with Barry Town Council to ask whether it would consider the nursery land and allotments east of Cemetery Road being used as a site for gypsies and travellers.

The request is part of an initial investigation by the Vale Council to compile potential locations for travellers in the future.

Council planning officers have calculated that there is a need for six permanent and 15 transit pitches within the Vale by 2018.

The head of planning,

Mr Rob Thomas, wrote to the town council because his team is preparing information for the Vale Local Development Plan (LDP) for 2011-2026.

In the letter, he said: "As the proposer and/or owner of a candidate site, I am writing to you to establish if you would consider the alternative use of the site to provide permanent or transit accommodation for gypsies and travellers."

He goes on to emphasise: "I would stress that this is an initial investigation with the objective of compiling a catalogue of sites that have the potential to provide accommodation needs of

gypsies and travellers."

The GEM understands that the Vale Council owns the land - although that has yet to be confirmed - but that the town council had been interested in the land as a possible extension to the cemetery.

The agenda for the town council's next planning meeting on May 3 points out: "The nursery and allotment site...is not in the town council's ownership, thus this council would not be in a position to offer the candidate site for either permanent or transit provision."

In 2008, plans to build 61 houses and flats on Cemetery Approach were rejected following a long-running campaign by an action group determined to maintain the distinctive character of the tree-lined avenue.

Ian Johnson, the Plaid Cymru Assembly candidate for the Vale, expressed concern that land near the cemetery might be used as a gypsy or traveller site.

He said: "Cemetery Lane was laid out at the end of the nineteenth

century as a peaceful location for Barry residents' final journey towards Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.

"In 2007-08, more than 10,000 local residents, and Plaid Cymru, backed a continuation of that intention and fought against plans to build houses on the site.

"Any usage of Cemetery Lane which does not maintain this green and peaceful vision, must be opposed.

"Given the obvious strength of feeling about this area shown during the campaign, I am very surprised that any alternative uses have been considered by the Vale Council.

"Are the council trying to use a bogeyman approach and dog-whistle politics to scare local residents into accepting housing on Cemetery Lane so that they can make money from the sale of the land?"

SENSITIVITIES
Dennis Harkus, of FocusBARRY, said he recognised that a provision had to be made for itinerant communities, but felt there were more appropriate locations.

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Childcare centre's Walk for Life raises £1,000 for Kidney charity



Staff at Barry College's childcare centre donned their royal blue Kidney Wales T-shirts to complete the annual Barry Walk for Life - and raised more than £1,000 for the charity.

Centre manager Debbie Baker organised this year's walk, which raises money for the Kidney Wales Foundation. She dedicated it to her son Lloyd, who died in 2007 at the age of 26, after battling a rare illness which led to kidney failure.

Staff past and present took part in the walk, as did former and current nursery children from the centre.

"The morning had a carnival feel about it and lots of groups of people went to have lunch or a belated breakfast together afterwards, but as with all charity events, the aim of the day was to raise money - and in this we did not fail either," Debbie said.

"Well over £1,000 was raised and I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event either with your presence or your presents."

Lifeboat called out - twice

THE crew of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Barry dock lifeboat was called to two incidents over Easter weekend.

The lifeboat, with a crew made up mainly of volunteers, was first launched on Thursday, April 21 at 2.20pm.

Three people in an inflatable dinghy were seen floating to the west of Friars Point. They were able to get ashore and the

lifeboat was 'stood down' en route.

In the second incident, a yacht was overdue so HM Coastguard at Swansea launched the all weather Barry Dock Lifeboat, the Porthcawl Inshore Lifeboat, a rescue helicopter from Chivenor and HM Coastguard search and rescue units from Penarth, Barry, Wachtel, and Ilfracombe.

The yacht was located and the people on board were safe.

Island paddling pool moves a step closer

THE old Barry Island tidal paddling pool could be rebuilt - after a community organisation pledged to take control of the project.

Governors at the Island's primary school and community supporters have agreed to take on the project as part of a new scheme for the Island which includes the regeneration of Nells Point as a centre for tourism and education.

A not-for-profit community interest company called @BarryIsland is now seeking to attract funding to rebuild the pool.

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Film that gives an 'insight' into Barry

IWOULD like to congratulate local film maker and Barry Island resident Michael Moore, who has made an excellent film of Barry's proud history and its current facilities and attractions.

The film is an excellent snapshot of the town that I am very proud to call my home. As someone who has

only lived in Barry for the last eight years, the film gives a great insight of how Barry used to be.

I would urge local residents to purchase the film from either Marco's Café or the Harbour Arcade so that they can enjoy this excellent trip down memory lane. Coun Chris Elmore, Barry

Positive side of horse racing

ICANNOT agree with Dene Stansall's recent letter in The GEM on horse racing – it is easy to focus on the negatives of racing.

These horses owe their very existence to racing, having been bred and trained to race.

Without racing, there would be a huge decline in the breed; and as for the positives, these horses are cared for and loved by people connected with them.

Go to a racing stable and see how these horses are cared for, their welfare and health always a first priority.

If a horse does not want to race, it won't, but most horses do love racing and live a very good life.

CLOTHING BAGS FOR CHARITIES?

EACH week, we have bags pushed through our door asking to be filled with unwanted clothes for charity.

This week, we had four clothing bags for different charities (one would think we grow clothes in the garden!).

My question is, how much of the money that is collected goes to the charity mentioned on the bags?

For example, you have a person going around from door to door delivering the bags (wages to be found).

Then you have a van going around with the driver, plus an assistant –

involving fuel and maintenance of the vehicle (running costs).

Then comes the cost of printing the bags, with a majority ending up in the council recycling bins.

After it reaches its destination, someone has to sort out the clothes (wages to be found).

Where does the money come from to pay their wages and vehicle running costs?

How much is left for the charity mentioned on the bags?

I would be very interested in readers' comments on the subject.

Mr T Evans, Rhose

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BARRY: 'IT'S TIME FOR SOME FRESH THINKING'

HAVING been a reader of The GEM for many years, a constant repeating theme in letters to the Editor appears to be the conduct of the council, particularly in its decision-making processes relating to projects/developments/initiatives.

Whilst we are constantly being reassured that consultation and transparency are explicit, I am left wondering why so many Barry residents are left aggrieved and suspicious that their views are ignored, and the usual, 'we know best' attitude adopted by the council kills off any opposi-

tion. This appears to be a tactic which is becoming all too obvious.

Interestingly, the council chose not to comment about the Theatre Royal report in last week's GEM. Perhaps their view is that enough has been said, or we should just accept their wisdom in the matter and put it to rest.

Whilst the care facility planned by Hafod has great merit in its provision for the elderly, is there an overwhelming factor which prevents it being sited elsewhere?

I am certain we would all welcome an explanation.

With the loss of a cinema in Barry as a resort, yet another blow for tourism. The short-

sightedness of the council in recognising the asset we have in Barry is criminal. Is there a tourism/marketing strategy?

Unfortunately, there appears little evidence to suggest the wherewithal exists within the authority to address this.

Rather than continuing to be disappointed by very highly-paid senior officers and council members, who just seem intent on perpetuating what we already have, at times not that well – perhaps thought should be given to investing in outside consultation, where some fresh, creative and dynamic thinking could be applied to regenerating Barry to the resort town it once was.

Robert Taylor, Barry.

UKIP, and waste incinerators

MAY I be allowed to highlight a slight correction in Max Wallis's recent letter to your publication regarding the siting of waste incinerators in the heart of Barry?

Clearly Max's recollection of UKIP's support in opposing the siting of these incinerators does not extend to recalling the tramping round the streets of Barry by myself and UKIP colleague Carolyn Passey, collecting letters of opposition and petition signatures, in conjunction with campaign organiser Paul Arnold.

In addition, UKIP Wales MEP John Bufton wrote several letters to chair of planning Coun Jeff James objecting to the incinerators proposals during the planning process.

Throw into the mix that our UKIP councillor Jock Greer and his assistant, Kerry Thomas, are leading the fight against the monstrous Covanta waste incinerator intended to further blight the living conditions of the long suffering residents of Merthyr and surrounding areas – and I feel that UKIP has more than demonstrated its opposition to the granting of planning permission for these hazards to human health.

I know that many of us have come to greatly appreciate Max's huge efforts on all our behalf; but it does seem a little odd that he should have made such an obvious mistake in suggesting that UKIP, as the only major political party in Wales to publicly oppose the urban siting of waste incinerators, has been less than diligent in demonstrating

that opposition in the face of the Welsh Assembly's stated policy of pushing their construction through.

I would like to urge that all the political parties previously represented in Cardiff Bay, who have all, supported the implementation construction of the waste incinerators policy now follow UKIP's lead in reversing their previous support.

Thank you for the opportunity in allowing me to set the record straight on this subject.

Kevin Mahoney, Barry.

Site already earmarked?

WASN'T it amazing how quickly Miles Punter (head of visible services for the Vale Council) dismissed the possibility of turning the old Buffs Club into a car park – which is much needed in the Broad Street/High Street area of Barry (The GEM, April 14).

Could it be that the site has already been earmarked for another

'Express supermarket' that seem to be popping up all over the place, that despite public opposition, the planning committee in the Vale welcome with open arms.

Come on, the Vale, it's about time that you started to support your existing rate-paying businesses, and not encourage outsiders into the town.

Mr D James, Barry

Rotary's thanks

IAM writing to express the appreciation of the Cowbridge Rotary Club for the generosity shown by members of the local community in supporting our recent street collection in aid of Ty Hafan.

We were able to raise the amount of £515 to help with the valuable work carried out by this local charity. A very warm thank you to all who contributed.

David Pierce (On behalf of Cowbridge Rotary Club)

School crossing u-turn welcome

IWAS glad to hear the news that the Vale Council has reinstated the contracts of the school crossing patrol officer in Cadoxton, Dinas Powys and Penarth, at least until a safety audit has been carried out.

This may also allow alternative arrangements to be put in place by the schools concerned if they are not to be retained.

At last the Tory-controlled council has seen sense and made a u-turn and put children's safety before their previous intransigent attitude, when they refused to do anything at all to allay the fears of the parents and governors of the schools concerned.

I found the attitude of the council cabinet unacceptable, especially as there were no other alternatives put in place.

It was even more annoying when the cabinet member claimed that they would place mobile school crossing patrol officers at the schools, while knowing they did not have enough officers to carry out that job.

The excuse was they would advertise for mobile patrol officers, but the reality is that they have subsequently been unable to appoint any new ones.

The other issue never properly answered was why were mobile officers required if they were axing those in place?

Why weren't the permanent ones retained? Perhaps it was something to do with the age of the officers, as has been suggested by others who have written to the press.

I only hope that this can be resolved permanently and the safety of the children assured.

Neil Moore (Labour councillor for Cadoxton ward, Barry)

Lost chance for 'hub of culture'

IT was with a sense of sadness that I read that the Barry cinema battle had finally been lost.

Gone forever is the unique opportunity to create a combined cinema-arts & heritage centre at the site; a vision that was supported by many Barrians and local politicians.

This decision makes me fearful for what may become of the Barry Waterfront; an area both steeped in history and town regeneration potential.

I read with interest that the Barry cinema site will now become an 'Extra Care Facility', costing £7m and funded mainly by the Welsh Assembly Government.

One would hope that money can so easily be found to develop a community focused cinema-arts & heritage Centre as part of the Barry town regeneration.

I'm sure that a fraction of this kind of money would transform

the Pumping House from an empty shell into a facility of which to be proud.

Such a facility could be a hub of culture and heritage within the town and not only be comparable, but actually draw people to Barry from places such as Chapter Arts and the 'Armado' in Cardiff Bay.

The fight for Barry's now lost cinema is just one of many battles being waged behind the scenes from groups intent on making Barry a better place to live, with leisure facilities that will make the most of the town's assets.

I'm sure that it's not only myself who hopes that the elections deliver us politicians with the will and drive to make such a dream of a community focused cinema-arts & heritage Centre on the Waterfront a reality.

Ade Pitman (Chairman, Vale Heritage Centre Coalition)

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MAY 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	04.51	7.9	17.22	7.9
29 Fri	05.45	8.2	18.11	8.4
30 Sat	06.29	8.5	18.47	8.6
01 Sun	07.08	8.8	19.27	9.1
02 Mon	07.47	9.2	20.02	9.3
03 Tues	08.19	9.3	20.34	9.4
04 Wed	08.53	9.3	21.09	9.5
05 Thur	09.26	9.2	21.41	9.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Community are on track to bring back the Island's paddling pool

THE old tidal paddling pool that was cradled on the rocks of Whitmore Bay, Barry Island for more than 40 years is likely to be rebuilt – thanks to a community organisation which says it will take responsibility for it.

The Vale Council and Welsh Assembly Government indicated their support for the project, on condition that the community would take on the role of running the attraction and find funding for it.

Governors at the Island's primary school

and members of the community have agreed to take on the scheme as part of a wider vision, which includes the regeneration of Nells Point as a centre for tourism and education.

A not for profit community interest company called @BarryIsland is now seeking to attract funding to rebuild the pool.

Howard Metcalfe, the chair of @BarryIsland and Commodore of the Barry Yacht Club, emphasised: "A public meeting showed once again that there is strong community support for recreating a paddling pool on the rocks beneath Friars Point.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

We're now working hard to make it happen."

At the public meeting held at the primary school local youngsters, who have campaigned for a return of the tidal pool, expressed their enthusiasm for the project.

Monique Heffernan, aged 11, told the meeting: "The Vale Council told us that we have to get the support from our community by all pulling together throughout the summer.

"We need people who will help raise money for the insurance and we need people who

will check the pool."

@BarryIsland has teamed up with the regeneration company United Welsh Housing Association, which would build the pool, in a bid to the Barry Regeneration Board for funding. Volunteers are drawing up a business strategy and a planning application.

Local café owner Marco Zeraschi told The GEM that a rebuilt paddling pool would be another welcome piece in the jigsaw for Island tourism.

"New attractions are good for the Island, and

this would be somewhere families could take young children to paddle and bathe in safety.

"The last tidal pool was about two feet six inches at the deepest end, but with youngsters there has to be supervision to avoid accidents.

"If it goes ahead it would be another important ingredient in the recipe of Barry Island."

The original paddling pool was built by Barry Town Council during the 1930s to provide a safe place for children to bathe away from the sea and dangerous tides.

It was a popular visitor attraction until the



early 1970s when it was removed due to lack of maintenance and poor water quality.

Many parents and grandparents of children at Barry Island Primary School learnt to swim in it.

A tidal pool works on the principle that it is filled by fresh sea water during each high tide.

There are similar pools around the UK coast, and one has just reopened at Canvey Island.

ABOVE:
The site of the original paddling pool, which was built in the 1930s.

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Pictured outside the centre are the Vale Council's community development officer Siân Vaughan (centre), with two volunteers at the community centre - booking secretary Kay Neale (left), and treasurer Teresa Gear (right), and Teresa's grand-daughter Beth.

Community Centre gets a facelift at Buttrills!

A COMMUNITY centre has been brought back to life – thanks to the Barry Regeneration Fund.

The Buttrills Community Centre is one of 12 community centres in Barry given a much-needed refurbishment from a share of a £162,000 grant

awarded by the Welsh Assembly Government.

A Vale Council spokesman said that the centre had appeared run-down, having become a constant target of graffiti and vandalism, and had a badly damaged pot-holed car park. A fence has now been

erected to protect the centre, and brickwork painted in such a way that graffiti would more easily be removed by the council's youth offending team.

The car park has been resurfaced, while interior improvements include new windows, a new kitchen and new radiators.

Investigation launched following pub assault

AN investigation has been launched by Vale police following an assault on the landlord of the Old White Hart public house in Llantwit Major on April 20.

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

The incident happened around the early hours of the morning on April 20. The victim was Mr Graham Morgan.

A police spokesman said: "We are currently investigating an assault on a 67-year-old man which happened at around 1am at the White Hart pub on Wednesday, April 20.

"Anyone who was at the pub between 10.30pm on Tuesday, April 19 and 1am on Wednesday, April 20, should contact the police on 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers



Mr Graham Morgan.

on 0800 555 111."

A page on Facebook, including a photograph, has been devoted to Mr Morgan.

People have left comments such as... "I was so shocked"... "Hope you are back to full health and strength soon" and ... "You have my support buddy, even though we are in Canada".

Mr Morgan has replied: "Just to thank you all for your best wishes and support. Very much appreciated."

Lewis moves from building site to top hotel

A FORMER Barry College student has swapped a job on a building site for a leading Swiss restaurant kitchen.

Lewis Barnett (26) from Barry, took a Pathways to apprenticeships course in hospitality and catering at the college.

He explained: "I used to work in the building industry, but when the recession hit, work was not easy to come by. I was on site one day and I saw an old guy there, working away. It was hammering down with rain and I thought 'This really is not for me'."

Lewis had always been interested in a career as a chef, and saw that the college offers a course where learners come into class three days a week with the other two spent on a work placement.

After his course ended, Lewis was taken on full time by the Cardiff Marriott hotel, and will now follow the head chef



over to the chain's Renaissance Hotel in Zurich.

"It's going to be a challenge, especially with the language as I only speak a little bit of German!" Lewis said. "But I'm really looking forward to it – it's the next step for me and a perfect opportunity."

"My main aim is that I want to work for some of the best restaurants in the world. Eventually, I would like to run one of my own. I just want to thank all of the staff at the college for giving me this fantastic opportunity."



ABOVE: Enjoying the Mad Hatter's tea party at Bryn Hafren school.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party for Amnesty International

BRYN Hafren School had a Mad Hatter Tea Party event organised by its Amnesty International Group last week – and a guest participant was Assembly candidate Jane Hutt.

"There were plenty of wonderful cakes at the tea party as well as information about Amnesty International's campaigns for human rights across the world. Congratulations to all those who helped organise this great event."

News from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig

Pupils, parents and teachers take the Walk to School bus!

YSGOL Gymraeg Sant Curig held a Walk to School Week when about 200 pupils walked with their friends, parents and teachers.

Setting off from the Morrisons supermarket car park, the 'Walk to School Bus' travelled over a mile to school along a safe route.

Along the route, the children got to see, hear and listen to things they wouldn't normally experience on their way to school, plus they had some fresh air and exercise!

Following the success of the bus, the school will be planning further walks in the near future.

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Hoffwn ddiolch i bawb a oedd wedi cefnogi'r ysgol a byddwn yn treffu wythnos arall o gerdded yn ystod Tymor yr Haf. RJ



School competes in book quiz heats

YSGOL Gymraeg Sant Curig were once again competing last week – this time in the regional heats of the 'Welsh Book Quiz'.

The children had to read and discuss the contents of the book *Bwystfild a Bwganod* (Monsters and Ghosts) and had to act out another book *Ceffyl Rhyfel* (War Horse).

Both the group who discussed a book and the group that acted out the book were given outstanding critique, scoring a total of 91 marks out of a possible 100.

This now means that the team go on to Aberystwyth, in June, to compete at the national finals.

Year-6 teacher Mr Mcavoy wrote the script for 'Ceffyl Rhyfel', as well as preparing the

children for the stage and they will be required to act the script out once again in the final. The discussion group will be asked to read a different book this time and, under the tutorage of Mrs Marged Cross, discuss its contents in detail.

Year-6 pupil Elen Owen, who was the only pupil in both groups said: "We all really enjoyed reading the books. The *Ceffyl Rhyfel* was a very sad book but we really enjoyed acting it out on stage. We're all looking forward to having a day off school to go to Aberystwyth!"

On a slightly different note, congratulations to the netball team who defeated both Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun-Y-Nant 16-4 and Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc 11-4 in recent friendlies. Our thanks go

to coach Miss Samuel for all her hard work!

FE hwydodd yr ysgol i gyrraedd rownd derfynol y Cwis Llyfrau eleni drwy guro Ysgol Pen-y-Garth. Ar ôl darllen Bwystfild a Bwganod cafwyd trafodaeth frwd. Fe actiodd gr p arall o blant dadansoddiad o'r llyfr Y Ceffyl Rhyfel.

Cafodd y beirniad eu syfrdanu a safon y drafodaeth a'r actio. Diolch i Mr Mcavoy a Mrs Cross am eu hyfforddi. Ymlaen i Aberystwyth yn yr Haf amdan!

Llongyfarchiadau hefyd i'n tîm Pêl-Rwyd a gurodd Ysgol Gwaun-Y-Nant a Sant Baruc mewn gemau cyfeillgar yn ddiweddar.

Diolch i Miss Samuel a'u tîm am eu hyfforddi.

RHODRI JONES

Lee Road's royal street party gets green light

RESIDENTS of Lee Road, Barry, are preparing the jelly and ice cream, and stocking up on sausage rolls, in readiness for their street party tomorrow to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

However, their plans were almost thrown off course when they found

out that they had not applied to the council in time to ensure that the relevant authorities were made aware of their event.

Party organiser, Lynnette Spragg, had heard Prime Minister David Cameron say in a speech that anyone should be able to have a street party, regardless of council rules.

She rang her local Conservative Assembly candidate, Angela Jones-

Evans, and asked her to help solve this problem on behalf of the road.

Mrs Jones-Evans contacted the council and it was agreed that, as long as all the residents of the road signed a letter to say they were happy to have a street party, the council officials would do all they could to make sure the street party could go ahead.

Lynnette said: "I am delighted that we can now have the street party

we had been planning. We want to bring the community together to celebrate the royal wedding and show our children what street parties are all about."

Mrs Jones-Evans added: "I am grateful to the council for having pulled out the stops to help Lynnette and her friends celebrate what will surely be a memorable day."

Windsor's revellers mark big day

AS befits its royal 'title', Penarth Windsor LTC is staging its own big day on the April 29.

The club will hold a royal wedding event with a tennis twist, to mark the nuptials of William and Kate.

Windsor's royal revellers will dress in wedding attire and celebrate the day, watching the television coverage and toasting the happy couple.

After William and Kate have tied the knot, American tournaments will be held for adults and juniors, followed by a quiz, and a picnic.

School pupils have magical story day



EIGHT primary schools from Barry had a very exciting experience recently.

The children from High Street, Colcot, Gladstone, Palmerston, Holton, Romilly, Barry Island and Gwenfio wearing bold tribal face paint and carrying story stones, gathered on the beach for a magical

story telling session with Roger Day. In an activity-packed day, the children learnt about pirates, treasure and lost love!

They learnt sea shanties and solved golden coin mysteries, and the day culminated in sending messages out to sea in bottles, they are waiting for the answers! LM

'ALL PULL TOGETHER!'

Community urged by local candidate

PLAID CYMRU candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has urged local community groups to work together to ensure a new Barry arts-space and heritage museum through a grant from the Barry regeneration fund.

He recalled that fol-

lowing the granting of planning permission for an extra-care facility on the site of the old Theatre Royal cinema, which disappointed members of the Save Our Cinema Association, news also came through that Porthkerry Road Methodist Church had been sold.

"Local residents and arts groups hoped to transform the church into an arts-space as Porthcერი Arts Centre.

"There is an ongoing campaign for a heritage museum in the town," Dr Johnson said.

"Like many residents, I am disappointed that Barry does not have a cinema, a performance arts-space or a heritage museum.

"This is a great opportunity for all groups to work together, and I know that some of them already have begun talks, to get a single venue which would be a huge attraction for the town.

"The £9m Barry regeneration fund, provided by Plaid's Minister for Regeneration Jocelyn Davies last year, should be used for major projects which will make a difference in quality to the everyday lives of people in Barry.

"In the meantime, a good start for the heritage museum would be taking over a wing at the Dock Offices, opening one of Barry's historic buildings up to the public to remind them of the town's origins and development," Dr Johnson added.

Vale Council checks out the availability of local sites for travellers across the area

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He commented: "I understand that the county council has to legally provide gypsy and traveller sites, and that they will probably be writing to all LDP candidate site proposers, but a gypsy site at this location could result in some tension between communities, visitors to the cemetery and allotment users."

"Sites on the outskirts of built-up areas, in a rural or semi-rural setting, may be more appropriate locations."

Mr Harkus pointed out: "A travellers' site on this land would be insensitive to the general public and the local community, including the gypsies and travellers themselves."

"The adjacent Cemetery Approach is a much loved attractive local facility despite it being neglected by the Vale Council."

"Indeed, 11,300 people have previously signed a petition against housing development on this open space land. In addition, the allotments are well used and nurtured by local enthusiasts."

"A permanent or transit gypsy site on the east of Cemetery Road would be disrespectful to the scale and feeling for this public amenity, dominate the attractive urban environment and the settled community around it, and place undue pressure on the local infrastructure."

Mr Harkus added: "A simple desk assessment by Vale Council officials should have been sufficient to recognise these obvious obstacles and sensitivities without the need to involve the Town Council."

Rob Thomas, the head of planning and transportation, stressed the council has a duty to provide land through its LDP for gypsies and travellers. He explained: "This is a requirement that has been set down by the Welsh Assembly Government and the council has identified that there is a need to provide such a site – or sites – in the Vale."

"As part of ongoing work on the LDP, the Vale Council has written to all individuals and organisations who have put forward proposals for land (these are commonly referred to as candidate sites),

seeking feedback as to whether those individuals or organisations would consider the use of their proposed (or candidate) site for the provision of a traveller site."

Mr Thomas went on: "As is made clear in the letter, this is an initial

investigation with the aim of compiling a database of sites, which will then need further consideration and analysis. No decisions have been made as to which, if indeed any, of the sites that come forward will be appropriate and this will be a

matter for further assessment."

He added: "I can also confirm that the land at Cemetery Road has not been singled out for any special treatment as all those who submitted candidate sites have received the letter in question."

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North-South challenge is to raise funds for new gym equipment at the Ashgrove

A staff member at Ashgrove school in Penarth, which provides help for children with autism, will cycle from north to south Wales in the next few days to raise funds for sports equipment.

Cerys Marshall, aged 24, will have completed 250 miles in just five days when she pedals into Cardiff on May 3.

She said: "The charity cycle ride starts in Holyhead tomorrow, April 29, although we're catching a train up early

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in the morning from Cardiff first.

"We then meet the support van to unload bikes and set off for Caernarfon for the first 38 mile leg."

The group of cyclists consists of 14 men and three women, most of whom are raising for Ysgol Treganna/Tan Yr Eos in Cardiff.

Cerys explained: "I chose to support Ashgrove school.

"Sponsorship will go towards the cost of new play and sports equipment, and to purchase

new exercise machines for the school gym.

"The gym has been a success with pupils – but could do with a few added extras to give pupils the best opportunities!"

"I am passionate about play and exercise, and hope the money I raise will maximise the PE provision at the school!"

"I have bought a hybrid bike which has been fab on practice routes, especially on tough hills and long climbs, and I have been training hard in my spare time. My legs feel conditioned and ready to pedal!"

"I've even worked with a personal trainer to boost my fitness."

In the last couple of months, Cerys has completed three gym sessions a week and long

distance cycle rides from Canton to Caerphilly mountain and back.

She is currently a learning support assistant at Ashgrove School and is due to go on a teacher training course later this year.

The last four legs of Cerys's north-south challenge are all longer than the first day.

Day 2 is Caernarfon to Dolgellau – 60 miles.

Day 3 is Dolgellau to Llanidloes – 39 miles

Day 4, Llanidloes to Brecon, is the longest leg at 64 miles.

The final leg from Brecon to Cardiff is 54 miles.

Cerys has already raised £545, but has set herself an ambitious target of £2,000.

If people would like to support her, and a worthwhile cause, they can go to: www.justgiving.com/cerysmarshall.



Cerys Marshall taking a break during her hectic training routine.

IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

Dodgeball champions of the Vale crowned



Barry Male Voice Choir and Barry Comprehensive School Choir on stage.

THE fourth annual Vale 5x60 Dodgeball Competition took place recently at Barry Comprehensive School sports hall.

There were separate boys and girls competitions for the year-7 and year-8 pupils selected by their 5x60 officers from across the Vale.

Teams from Barry Comprehensive School, Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Stanwell Comprehensive School, St Cyres Comprehensive School, St Richard Gwyn RC Comprehensive School and Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg took part.

In the boys' competition, Barry Comprehensive retained the winners' trophy, after last years success, beating St Cyres in a dramatic final.

The final finished 2-1, with James Scott (8BJ) throwing the winning dodgeball in a 1v1 situation to clinch the trophy.

In the girls' competition, St Cyres beat their

close neighbours Stanwell in the final to be crowned Vale Dodgeball Champions for the first time.

Thank you to all who took part in this enjoyable and successful event. AC

BARRY Comprehensive School was very proud to present a groundbreaking inter-generational gala musical performance to a full house on Wednesday, April 6.

This unique event combined the talents of the Barry Male Voice Choir (average age 73) and the school choir, along with a range of supporting artistes.

The bill included everything from the classical Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker', to the traditional 'Men of Harlech', to songs from the shows and even Michael Jackson!

In addition to providing the audience with a wonderful evening's entertainment, it is hoped the concert will inspire more young people to join the Barry Male Voice Choir.

Gareth Roberts, chairman of the Barry Male Voice Choir, commented: "We are trying to recruit, as we need younger members."



The Vale Dodgeball Champions from St Cyres Comprehensive School (above) and Barry Comprehensive School (below).



Schools' gold star success

SCHOOLS in the Vale have been awarded a gold star for their high standards in PE.

Sport Wales and the Association for Physical Education (afPE) is recognising Gwenfo CiW Primary School, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Wick and Marcross CiW Primary School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School who are putting PE to the top of the agenda.

ActiveMarc Cymru recognises schools that are committed to developing high quality physical education and school sport and to promoting the benefits of physical activity.

Chair of Sport Wales, Professor Laura McAllister, said: "We believe that schools play an essential role in building a Wales in which children are hooked on sport for life."

Roadworks report

Thompson Street, Barry – temporary traffic control.
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Vale tourist industry basks in the glow of an Easter break

THE Vale tourist industry experienced one of its most successful Easter weekends in living memory.

From Penarth cliff-tops to Cosmeston, and on to Barry Island and Llantwit Major, large crowds made the most of the four-day break.

The fine weather provided the perfect backdrop for people to visit the beaches, country parks and the countryside.

Barry Island trader Marco Zeraschi, whose cafe on the promenade became world famous, thanks to the *Gavin and Stacey* TV show, told The GEM it would be hard to ever beat Easter 2011.

"It was close to perfection, and a chance for mums, dads and children to enjoy the official start to our holiday season."



Over the weekend all roads led to Barry Island, where day trippers were given a family friendly welcome by local traders like Marco Zeraschi - pictured with Pironi, his four-legged friend!

"I'd estimate that there were at least 100,000 visitors over the Easter period."

"The organisation of the Island, from the Vale Council's cleansing department, to the police and Arriva Trains, is now so good."

"For example, if there is litter on the beach late in the evening, by the next morning it's as if a magic wand has been waved because the cleansing department has done such a good job."

Marco added that with car parking issues being sorted out and the police enforcing 'alcohol-free zones', there had been a return to the "traditional family atmosphere" of the Island.

HISTORIC CUTTERS IN VALE RACE

THE largest-ever fleet of historic Bristol Channel pilot cutters is coming to Barry Yacht Club over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8.

The eight boats are up to 100 years old, 50ft high and 80ft long, and will recreate the glory years of pilot channel racing, where they competed to get to incoming ships first to offer their services.

Vessels will be coming from as far away as Scotland and Falmouth especially for the event. Among the fleet is *Edith*

Grey a new-build pilot cutter from Bristol, *Mischief*, a copy of HW Tilman - the famous explorer's boat with is bright yellow hull, and *The Mascot*, the largest-ever Channel pilot boat.

The cutter race will start at 10am on Saturday, May 7, when the boats will race down the Channel past Ilfracombe to Swansea, before returning to Barry the next day.

Roger Donkin, race officer and organiser at Barry Yacht Club, said: "These are majestic, beautiful boats sailing the Channel. It will be the largest-ever gathering of these boats in Wales."

Pensioners' update on post office

WICK Pensioners Group has met to hear an update on Jane Hutt's representations to the Post Office over re-opening this vital service.

Ms Hutt, who also judged the Easter bonnet parade, commented: "I am supporting the Wick community to secure a Post Office service, preferably in the shop which has served the village for decades. I have made representations to the Post Office and the Minister responsible for Post Office services."

"I know there is a commitment to provide a Post Office service in Wick and I am meeting the Post Office with the Wick pensioners to discuss a way forward."

Benefits help for elderly
ELDERLY people struggling to pay their bills are being offered benefits help by the Age Concern Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan charity. Telephone 029 2056 7883 for full details.

PACT meetings

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community & Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent, Barry, May 4 at 7pm.

ST NICHOLAS and BONVILSTON Community Council Meeting, May 3 at Trehill Hall, St Nicholas at 7.30pm.

TWYN-YR-ODYN Coffee & Chat meeting, Horse & Jockey public house, May 4 at 11am.

ST ATHAN PACT public meeting, Old School Building, May 10, at

7.30pm. PENLYN Coffee & Chat meeting, Red Fox Public House, May 11 at 11am.

LLANDOUGH PACT public meeting, Llandough Memorial Hall, May 9 at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT public meeting, Elfed Avenue United Church, May 10 at 7pm.

CORNSWELL PACT public meeting, Penarth Leisure Centre, May 12 at 7pm.



Pensioners' Easter bonnet parade winner and bonnet maker Margaret Wallis and Margaret Deary are congratulated by Jane Hutt.

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COUNTDOWN TO THE COUNT...

Candidates prepare for one last push in Assembly election battle in the Vale

CAMPAIGNING for the Assembly elections on May 5 moves into its final week today, and The GEM asked the four Vale candidates for their thoughts on how things were going so far.

In a seat which is generally regarded as a two-horse race, Labour's Jane Hutt is defending a slim majority over the Conservatives.

In 2007, the present Vale Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, finished just 83 votes behind.

That year, Jane Hutt polled 11,515, compared to Coun Kemp's 11,432. Plaid Cymru were third on 4,671, with the Lib-Dems fourth on 3,758.

Also in the mix in 2007 was UKIP, for whom Kevin Mahoney polled 2,310. This year, Mr Mahoney is standing as a UKIP regional candidate.

One imponderable this time around is where those UKIP votes will go in the Vale.

The four contenders are: Jane Hutt (Labour); Angela Jones-Evans (Conservative); Dr Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru) and Damien Chick (Lib-Dem).

Not surprisingly, all the candidates felt their campaigns were going well, and were keen to praise all those who were working enthusiastically for them.

The GEM asked which issues were attracting the most attention 'on the doorstep' – and found Jane Hutt and Ian Johnson almost word for word on this one, citing "jobs and the economy" as the big talking point.

For Angela Jones-Evans, the big issues varied from place to place. She cited tourism and the

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loss of the town's cinema in Barry, and said that Rhose residents were concerned about the airport. In the western Vale, among other worries, residents were worried about drilling for gas.

Damien Chick, the Lib-Dem candidate, told The GEM that he had found that the main issue on the doorstep had been the failure of the Labour-Plaid coalition in the Assembly to make good on their election promises.

No matter how much planning, polling and market research that parties do, there is always one issue that catches the politicians by surprise, so The GEM asked the candidates what subject had crept up on the blind side.

Ian Johnson said that he was surprised by the strength of feeling among voters about wanting more local control.

He said: "I've found that the biggest source of frustration has been when decisions have been taken out of local people's hands – such as the cinema or the incinerators on Barry Dock – and there is no way of changing it for the benefit of the community."

Jane Hutt also reported that this year, matters close to home have been generating a great deal of heat.

She said: "Local issues have come to the forefront, such as the threat of gas drilling in Llandow and the loss of the cinema in Barry."

Angela Jones-Evans, however, reported that another issue was high on the agenda. She said: "I have been surprised – in a positive way – by the overwhelming strength of feeling against AV (the

Alternative Vote) in the constituency. I am the only Assembly candidate for the Vale who is opposed to this complicated fudge of a voting system."

Damien Chick said that he was also surprised (again in a good way) by the readiness of voters to engage with Lib-Dem policies.

The GEM also asked if the final fortnight of campaigning was being disrupted by the number of bank holidays – two over the Easter weekend, and another two this coming Friday and Monday.

The candidates, it seemed, were all keen to accentuate the positive. Jane Hutt commented: "The bank holidays affect all political party campaigning – but they do provide an opportunity to share in festivities and celebrations."

Angela Jones-Evans said: "We have made a point of trying not to disturb people on Sundays and during the bank holidays, and have thoroughly enjoyed campaigning in this glorious weather, which has provided such a welcome boost for local tourism."

Ian Johnson said: "I feel the bank holidays interrupted the national campaign far more than anything locally."

"With the weather having been so good last weekend, and hopefully this weekend as well, it actually provides different opportunities to get out there and meet voters in the sunshine, down at the park or on the beach, rather than just the traditional meeting on the doorstep."

It was the same for Damien Chick, who felt that the holidays had not disrupted the campaign, but had been a good way to get out and meet the electorate, and that the good weather had been a bonus.

Gas test drilling approved

THE go-ahead has been given for test drilling for shale gas to take place at an old colliery site.

Bridgend planners have agreed to grant consent to UK Methane Ltd of Bridgend to drill and test the numarian shale and other strata at the site of the former St John's Colliery at Cwmdau, Maesteg.

The aim is to see if it is viable to extract the methane, or shale gas, as a clean energy source.

The drilling will go down to about 2,500 feet and samples will be tested on site and also in Aberdeen. After completion, the borehole will be filled with a concrete plug.

The operation will take about 14 weeks in total. Once drilling commences, the work will go on 24/7 – apart from bank holidays.

The Environment Agency has been consulted and has raised no objections.

However, objections were lodged by neighbouring farmers concerned about possible pollution to their wells and water sources plus fears about noise, traffic hazards and wear and tear on the roads.

Council officers recommended granting consent because the development complied with council policy and would not significantly harm neighbours' amenities so as to warrant refusal.



ABOVE: The four successful choristers with musical director James Bull. (Photograph by Ian Dixon).

St Peter's choristers scoop four medals!

THE church choir at St Peter's Church in Peterston-super-Ely are celebrating after four choristers were recently awarded medals by the Royal School of Church Music.

The director of music at St Peter's Church Choir, James Bull, told The GEM that the examination demanded high levels of musicianship and that he was delighted with the success of his students.

The choristers are Alex Powell, Harriet Cuddihy, Delyth Hurley and Paige Sherreard.



ABOVE: The Royal School of Church Music medal.

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

LLANTWIT Major Town Council has approved the use of town study funds of £7,303 towards the Boverton Road regeneration scheme.

Councillors have given retrospective consent for the move.

UPGRADE
Llantwit Town Council is to seek quotations for upgrading the Boys Brigade Room at the Old School, and also for the installation of a toilet in the middle section of the building.

Both schemes will come back before the council for consideration as an application to the Vale's CASH grant scheme.

ENERGY EFFICIENT

The council is to look into a scheme whereby they could get a loan to make council buildings more energy efficient.

This government project is geared towards the public sector. Money borrowed has to be paid back within six years.

Coun Sally Bagstaff said that the council should see if it could save fuel costs and she suggested converting from oil to gas in the old school, insulating the Town Hall and the Llantonian Hall, and fitting thermostats on radiators.

Coun Bagstaff will work with council staff to produce the information needed.

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PENARTH FATHER DIES IN M4 HARD SHOULDER CRASH

A PENARTH man died on Easter Monday after a collision on the hard shoulder of the M4 near Pencoed.

The incident took place shortly before 7.30pm and the family of Richard Cox, aged 38, has paid tribute to him.

Mr Cox was attending a breakdown on the hard shoulder of the M4 motorway between junction 35 (Pencoed) and junction 36 (Sarn) when he was fatally injured as a result of a collision involving a white Fiat camper van, a red and grey Volvo articulated tanker and a white, green and red Isuzu recovery vehicle.

Mr Cox was a Dragon Recovery breakdown driver and lived in Penarth with his wife Louisa, three-year-old daughter Caitlin, and 15-year-old stepson Dean.

Paying tribute to Richard, Louisa said: "Rich was a devoted



ABOVE: Mr Richard Cox, who died in an incident on the M4 on Easter Monday.

husband to me and a fantastic father to Dean and Caitlin.

"He was a wonderful son, brother and grandson. His death will leave a void in the lives of all who knew him."

South Wales Police are continuing to appeal for any witnesses to contact them. The road was busy at the time of the collision.

The Police would like to speak to any person who witnessed the collision or who stopped to provide assistance, or anyone who may have seen the vehicles being driven prior to the collision and who have not yet given their details.

The road was closed for approximately five hours while police carried out a forensic collision investigation, initial investigations and recovered the vehicles.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the South Wales Police Roads Policing Unit in Gwaclod-y-Garth on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

OBITUARY

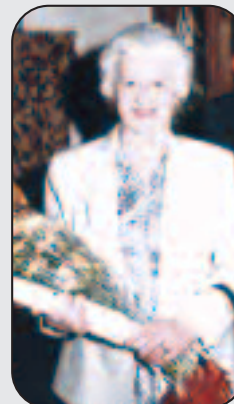
MRS GWYNETH NEWMAN (aged 89 years)

FAMILY, friends and neighbours attended the funeral of Mrs Gwyneth Newman, which took place at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch, on April 19.

Born in the Rhondda area of Cefn Coed, Gwyneth often spoke of an unhappy childhood that followed the trauma of losing her mother when she was just 10 years old.

Gwyneth began work at the age of 15 at a mother and baby home in Porthcawl, eventually moving to the Red Farm, Llangan, where fate would take a hand and where she eventually met her future husband Gwyn.

They were married in St Mary Hill church in 1942 and moved into their house in 1949 where they lived through all the happy and sad times.



Gwyneth became like an angel of mercy: when any villagers in Llangan and St Mary Hill needed help, it was invariably Gwyneth who volunteered to go to their aid.

Gwyneth and her husband Gwyn were well known, as Gwyn was a member of the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir for many years. They were both keen gardeners and won many awards during their competitive years.

Sadly, Gwyneth had lived her final years in a nursing home at Bridgend, but her home which held so many happy memories, will remain in her family.

Our thoughts at this unhappy time are with Shirley and Joyce, her devoted son, Wyn, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to Gwyneth's son-in-law Paul, for the moving tribute at the service, and to the officiating minister, Pastor Colin Thomas.

NANCY DAVIDGE

Donations in memory of Gwyneth can be made to the Stroke Appeal c/o Mr Paul Thomas, 64 Ael-y-Bryn, North Cornelly, CF33 4NT.

Local school celebrates an investors in families award



ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Barry, which was recently assessed for the Investors in Families award, has achieved a certificate of accreditation and a letter of congratulations from director, Chris Waterman.

The award recognises the school's collective commitment to engage in a real and meaningful way with wellbeing and support for pupils and their families.

Headteacher Richard Ware thanked teacher Mrs Liz Martin for her hard work as team leader for Investors in Families and for co-ordinating the assessment visit and thanked all the staff for the many additional activities and initiatives which have helped achieve the award.

Mr Ware said: "As a school, we are very proud of

our open door policy and our close links with families, the parish and the local community. It is lovely to have that commitment recognised through the Investors in Families Award." NM

Welsh St Donats 'royal command' is not quite what it appears!

PARISHIONERS in Welsh St Donats could have been forgiven for thinking they had been particularly favoured in the week of the royal wedding when the parish magazine announced an invitation from the Queen...

The April edition of the magazine declared: "The Lord Chamberlain is commanded to invite parishioners to afternoon tea and champagne at the community hall on April 29 at 3.30pm."

The announcement went on to say that the tea and champagne event was £10 for adults and £4 for children. Someone flagged up

the event to The GEM, querying what the royal connection was with Welsh St Donats.

Was it a late April Fools' joke or not?

It transpires that the event is genuine, but the royal connection was rather more difficult to establish.

Step forward Rev Edwin Counsell, who had the explanation for the grand invitation by the Lord Chamberlain.

"I think it is a case of someone having a bit of fun on the computer and writing the invitation in the style of a royal wedding invite."

"Although I am not able to attend myself, it is great there are events like this on the day - it's a chance for people to get together and have a good time."

Easter Bunny is a hit in the parade!

THE Easter Bunny visited The Physic Garden in preparation for Fun Foundations' day nursery's Easter bonnet parade.

He presented each child with an Easter Egg and families went on to celebrate with a tea picnic.



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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

BY the time this column is published, the UK growth figures will have been announced.

These statistics are key and will indicate whether George Osborne is taking us on the right road, or that the measures to reduce government debt are failing to have the desired effect.

If there is economic growth, then he will gain confidence and businesses and consumers will respond positively.

If the figures are negative, then technically we will have fallen back into recession.

From meeting and speaking

with businesspeople and individuals, I am upbeat – and hope that I won't regret my optimism (and feel a little foolish) within a day or so of writing this article!

Estate agents in Barry, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major tell me that they are noticing movement in the market.

Business lawyers advise me that they are starting to make deals again. Clearly, neither are in the same volumes or even values as previously, but I believe that we are making progress.

Readers will be aware that we are paying £120m a day in interest on the nation's debt. Anyone who runs a home, business or charity knows that such a situa-



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

tion is unsustainable.

Over the last 10 years, Wales has become the poorest part of the UK. Wealth figures (GDP)

show that we now score worse than the north east of England and Northern Ireland.

The recent budget proposed enterprise zones to support the areas that need the greatest support. I hope that whoever wins the elections to the National Assembly will adopt this policy.

I want Barry to be the first part of Wales to benefit from reduced business rates and taxation, less red tape and greater investment. This approach is aimed at freeing up business to generate wealth, rather than simply pumping grants into companies.

A New Enterprise Allowance scheme, that worked successfully

in the 1980s has been launched in Merseyside and will be rolled out across the UK later this year.

This will give a significant boost to people wishing to start up their own businesses, if they have been unemployed for more than six months.

April also brought a significant change to welfare policy. Under the previous arrangements, some people were less well off working than claiming benefits.

Iain Duncan Smith has won plaudits from charitable groups far and wide for his changes.

People will be better off in work than on benefits and those who

feel they can't work, will be given the right sort of support to adapt to employment.

Naturally, those with disabilities prevent them from working will be protected.

I have raised the plight of those with variable illnesses, particularly those with mental health issues to ensure they receive the protection they need.

Clearly, there is a long way to go but with (hopefully) an element of economic recovery and the right sort of support for people and business, it will not only be the royal wedding that will lift our spirits – but our economic prospects, too!

MEN'S FORUM GETS INSIDER'S VIEW OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

THE speaker at the last meeting of Barry Men's forum was Mr Gordon Edmunds who was actually present during the dramatic events described below, while stationed as an RAF fitter in Lubeck.

Gordon commenced his talk by outlining the events that led to the necessity for the airlift in 1948. In his view, Stalin had made it perfectly clear that he resented certain aspects of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements made between the victorious Allies before the war ended.

He was particularly unhappy with the fact that Berlin, a city seven times larger than Cardiff and well within the Soviet control zone, was to have an Allied presence within it with the American, British and French governments having control within their allocated zones.

In fact, since the Soviets controlled the whole of East Germany, it took some time for the Western Allies to be able to get through obstructed Soviet territory to get to their sovereign areas of occupation within the former German capital.

Russian resentment at the situation continued to simmer and when Stalin learned that the West planned currency reform and the Establishment of a freely-elected government in West Germany, he ordered all roads leading from the west into Berlin to be closed.

An early capitulation by the western powers was expected, and with only three weeks' supply of food left in cut-off Berlin, desperate measures had to be taken by the Allies.

A huge and historic effort had to be made to keep the people of Berlin supplied by air and the speaker explained how this was done and revealed the amazing logistics behind the effort.

A thousand tons of fuel and food were needed every day to keep the city supplied with the bare essentials, and at the height of the exercise one aircraft was landing in west Berlin every 32 seconds.

German civilians unloading the cargo planes were expected to remove 10 tons of coal in under 10 minutes.

Six hundred planes were available, with as many as 300 flying at peak periods at any one time.

By the Spring of 1949, it was obvious that the city had been saved from starvation and that the Allies would not capitulate.

A reserve of 90 days food and fuel had been built up and Stalin had little choice but to open up the land routes into Berlin.

There was much rejoicing and the Berliners showed their gratitude to those like our speaker who worked through a bitter winter in north Germany, servicing the vital aircraft that had

performed the miracle of the Berlin Airlift.

Meetings are held at 10.30am on Thursdays in the hall of the United Reformed Church in Barry.

For further details, contact 029 2059 4881.

Village church to benefit from royal day auction!

Royal wedding day is being celebrated in a big way at St Hilary, with community events in the Bush Inn and on the village green all day long.

However, one event has attracted celebrity support, and that is a 'promise auction' in aid

of church funds, which will start at 7.15pm in the evening in the Bush.

Local resident Roger Lewis, the chief executive of the Welsh Rugby Union, has stepped forward to invite bids for a tour of the Millennium Stadium for a party of four – with Mr Lewis as

the guide! Another local name who has offered support is up-and-coming trainer Tim Vaughan, who is offering a visit for four to his Pant Wilkin racing stables in Aberthaw.

Vale MP Alun Cairns has offered a VIP seat for Prime Minister's questions in the House of Commons, while there are a host of other promises, ranging from a load of farmyard manure, to picking your own eggs from a hen house, to a personal visit from a mole-catcher!

Full details of the promise auction, and of events at the village on Mr and Mrs Windsor's big day, can be found on www.sthilary.org.uk

Art gallery re-opens

THE Silures Art Group was set up in 1996, with its gallery and workshop at 40 South Road, Porthcawl, as a progressive venture to encourage amateur artists to be more adventurous and

experimental, without crossing the border into weird or way out art.

The gallery is open at weekends and bank holidays between 11am-4.30pm with a varied exhibition programme held throughout the year. The premises are

scheduled to reopen on Saturday, May 7 with the members civic exhibition of all new work with the commission on sales going to the Mayor's charity funds.

For more information, email: artists@silures-gallery.co.uk, www.siluresgallery.co.uk

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Church Ave, Brackla
Helen - 01656 720963

THURSDAY

Barry – 10.15am
Castelland Community Centre
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Cowbridge Rugby Club, Athletic Club
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EVENING GROUPS

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Helen - 01446 750738

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Sarah - 07525852288

TUESDAY

Barry – 5.45pm
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Upstairs Function Room
Joanne - 01446 404897

Barry – 4.30pm
St. David's Methodist Church Hall
Winston Road
Annmarie - 01446 736534

Llantwit Major – 4.45 & 6.45pm
The Old School
Wine Street
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Sully – 6.30pm
The Old School
South Road
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WEDNESDAY

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Porth-y-Castell
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Barry – 6.00pm
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THURSDAY

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Annmarie - 01446 736534

Dinas Powys – 6.30pm
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by swimming pool
Hebron Hall
Alison - 01443 486220



Capped by Wales in athletics and football

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STEFFAN BECOMES A DUAL SPORTING INTERNATIONAL!

Steffan Jones, a celebrated his Welsh year-13 pupil at Bro Morgannwg recently

celebrated his Welsh schoolboy under-18 football cap at the WSFA Centenary dinner last week, making it an international double for him.

He has already received his international athletics vest.

He is pictured, above, with Martin Evans (WSFA manager), Brian Flynn (FAW), and Adam Matthews, the Cardiff City player who is moving to Celtic in the summer.

'Don't forget to vote!' – public is urged

VOTERS are being urged to exercise their democratic right to vote in the National Assembly for Wales elections and UK-wide referendum next Thursday (May 5).

The Vale Council has announced that polling stations will be open from 7am–10pm.

The referendum is on the voting system used for elections to the UK Parliament and the question being put to voters on May 5 is: "At present, the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the 'alternative vote' system be used instead?"

For further information, visit www.about-myvote.co.uk

Long-distance cyclists line up £20,000 target for charities



A GROUP of businessmen have successfully completed a 260-mile bike ride challenge for charity and are on target to smash their £20,000 target.

Founded by James Emery, managing director of The COS Group, a Barry-based company, the 'whosbright-ideawasthis' challenge was set up with the aim of raising £20,000 for St David's Foundation Hospice Care and other charities – including the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund.

The 17-strong team, which was made up of directors and senior part-

ners from local businesses, including The COS Group, Berry Smith, Yolk Recruitment, UHY Peachey, Bluegg Creative and Stills Design, cycled from Anglesey to south Wales over four days, spending a total of 29.5 hours in the saddle and cycling at an average speed of 8.3 mph.

On completing the gruelling 260 miles, James Emery said: "We are all absolutely thrilled to have completed the challenge and we are overwhelmed with the welcome we received in the Bay when we crossed over the finishing line. "The four days tested our stamina and at times our mental endurance especially with the poor weather conditions at the start of the journey."

"However, the glorious sunshine of the final two days definitely lifted

our spirits and despite at times being exhausted, we were all motivated and determined to complete the ride knowing that we were raising money to help some fantastic charities."

James pointed out: "It new challenges for

is a fantastic achievement for all involved, knowing that we are on course to raise over £20,000 for our charities."

"Furthermore, due to its resounding success, we are already looking at new challenges for

2012."

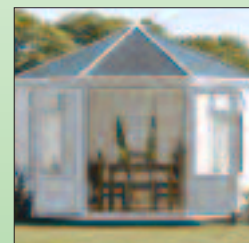
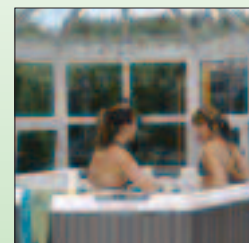
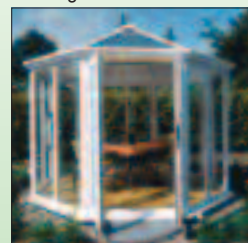
He added: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has generously donated and supported us throughout the challenge."

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Many Tears Animal Rescue

A 'street can collection' was organised recently to raise funds for Many Tears Animal Rescue, and £343.15 was raised in a few hours.

I would like to thank all shoppers/visitors to Cowbridge, who gave so generously to help rescue dogs (and sometimes cats) find hope.

'Many Tears' are based outside Llanelli on the A48 but rehomed dogs all over the country. They also foster rescue dogs to homes nationwide.

A big thanks to everyone who contributed to helping homeless dogs find their 'forever homes'.

Please check out their website if you can give a dog a 'forever home' or can become a fosterer.

Thanks, also, to both the human and the ever-patient hairy volunteers who helped out so well!

Cheryl Morgan-Veek (on behalf of 'Friends Of Many Tears Animal Rescue')

All Saints pupils remembered meaning of Easter as they prepared for the holidays

EASTER celebrations were a highlight, as pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School prepared for the end of term.

Children were busy making Easter cards and baskets and, on the Thursday, Father Adrian Berry led a Eucharist service for pupils, parents and guests.

Year-2 children supported the worship with a dramatisation of Palm Sunday and presented gifts at the altar, while some pupils wrote and led the prayers.

The Easter bonnet parade took place on the last day of term. Almost every child in

the school took part and, once again, there was an amazing array of creative talent on display, making the judges' tasks very difficult.

There were prizes of Easter eggs for the winning entries but the Easter Bunny also left cream eggs for every pupil.

The day ended with a celebration worship led by headteacher Richard Ware, who thanked staff and pupils for another busy and successful term and wished everyone a happy Easter holiday.

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Llantwit (and the Vale) sees Dafydd proud

RECENTLY, Llantwit Major RFC was the venue for a testimonial supper, one of a series of events to recognise the contribution of Dafydd Jones to Llanelli and Welsh rugby in particular.

At 31 years of age, Dafydd has been forced to retire from professional rugby due to an injury sustained while playing for Wales against the All Blacks in November 2009.

An Aberaeron boy, he joined Llanelli Youth and made his senior Scarlets debut in 1997 against Leeds, going on to make more than 200 appearances for the club and scoring 24 tries.

On the international front, Dafydd gained 42 caps and scored two tries, building a reputation as an all-action flanker. Married with two young children, Dafydd has spent 12 years concentrating on a rugby career, so it must be a tremendous wrench to have to finish playing the game he loves.

A shy, courteous, affectionate gentleman off the field, he was a real handful on the pitch, respected by team mates and opponents. The game will also miss Dafydd. Welsh skipper Mathew Rees, Dafydd's best friend, was due to attend but a domestic crisis forced him to cry off at short notice.

Nevertheless, the Welsh squad were very well represented by former skipper Ryan Jones and wing wonder Shane Williams, both Ospreys of course, but keen to support a Scarlets hero who is a great character.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Adrian Davies, former GB squash player and first ever recipient of the Carwyn James junior sportsman of the year.

Adrian did a fantastic job, with brilliant humour, keeping the evening flowing and adhering to the code of behaviour for a mixed function (occasionally).

John Maclean, the Llanelli RFC benefactor, spoke of Dafydd as a youngster coming to Stradey Park and how he became a firm favourite with

the fans, a true Scarlets great. John thanked Shane and Ryan for their support.

Adrian Davies then introduced the principal guests: Dafydd who sat with a huge smile which never cracked all evening, listened as Adrian gave a quick resumé of his playing career; Ryan Jones, a Newport boy, Ospreys player in a Cardiff feeder club supporting a Scarlets, typified the support rugby, Welsh rugby especially, gives.

Ryan has skipped Wales 27 times and played more than 100 games for the Ospreys. He has been voted Wales' sexiest man twice and is still one of the most eligible bachelors around.

Adrian then turned his attention to Shane Williams' 78 caps, 130 Ospreys appearances, two Lions tours, two Grand Slams, 55 tries for Wales, Welsh sports personality of the year, a true superstar, yet still that modest young man from Amman United RFC.

After a fish and chip supper provided by Spiros of Cardiff, Dafydd, Ryan and Shane gathered on stage for a question and answer session.

One of the first questions was about role models; all three are role models to future rugby stars – who did they look up to?

Dafydd said Zinzan Brook, a hard, uncompromising forward yet with good hands and a drop goal expert to boot. Ryan Jones said his hero was Scott Quinnell, a great ball carrying forward.

Shane admitted to being a '70s fan – Gerald Davies, JPR Williams, Barry John, Phil Bennett, Gareth Edwards – though 'tongue in cheek' he said Gatland and Howley were on his list.

When asked what they would do, or like to have done if they did not play rugby, Dafydd said a carpenter or part-time fireman, Ryan would be a star of stage and screen, Shane a test pilot for Airfix, according to Ryan.

Certainly, Ryan was a star on stage this evening, forming a perfect comedy repertoire with Dafydd and Shane, firing one, two or three-liners off each other to make for a very entertaining night. When asked to

describe the Millennium Stadium atmosphere in three words, Dafydd said unique, impressive, crazy, while Ryan said smelly, colourful, passionate! Shane took time to come up with his answer – magic, incredible, emotional.

Shane also thought of wellies, referring to pitch problems and I suppose you could empathise with a scenario of a Formula One car on a dirt track.

When it came to hardest opponent, Dafydd said any New Zealand or English back row. They were always tough, but Silesi Finan was a real handful in training.

Ryan said Bakies Botha of South Africa, though Ian Gough was a nuisance in training, while Shane said Wayne Proctor, the Llanelli and Wales wing nicknamed 'the scarecrow' because of his low body mass index, who always seemed to play out of his skin when up against him.

After a very entertaining episode, Adrian Davies thanked Mark Griffin, Bryan Godsell and Colin Owens of Llantwit for organising the evening which raised considerable funds for Dafydd's testimonial year, which also supports Ty Hafan and the Ray Gravell and Friends Foundation.

Certainly, the businessmen and women present and rugby folk and partners dug deep to support one of Welsh rugby's unsung heroes, a great character, a great guy.

Dafydd took the mic to express his thanks, unashamedly surprised by the strength of support given by those present. Dafydd was also pleased to receive a special Dragon memento to mark his visit to Llantwit.

Although the official side of the evening ended, all the players remained for a considerable time chatting, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

There were a few more stories shared and Dafydd eventually left the club, still smiling as broadly as when he first set foot in the club.

Hopefully, he will now enjoy his future life with his family as a new career opens.

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Welsh honours for teenagers

TWO Porthcawl under-16 players were involved in Wales internationals against the old enemy, England over the weekend.

On Sunday, outside-half Josh White, representing Wales under-16s, put in a superb defensive display in Wales' 31-10 defeat, and on Friday winger Xavier Manaseitava and Wales rugby league under-16s were unlucky in losing 24-18.

Porthcawl RFC under-16s would like to congratulate both players on their representative honours, the team and the club are very proud of you. PB

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Penarth & District Ramblers round-up GROUP FOLLOWS THE SUN ON A VALE COASTAL WALK

WHILE most of the group enjoyed their second trip walking the Pembrokeshire coastal path, six walkers joined Joy, Bracken and Bronte for a trip down to Monknash on the Vale coast, for a walk nearer to home.

On a beautiful sunny morning, the group left the Plough and Harrow to road-walk the short distance to The Forge and climbing over the first of many stone stiles that are a feature of this area, they entered fields, passing the remnants of Monknash Grange.

This was one of the largest monastic farms in

Glamorganshire with the land having been given to Neath Abbey during the 12th century.

Amongst the ruined walls and buildings stands the dovecot or columbarium which still has nesting boxes inside and the birds were used for the supply of meat during the Middle Ages when meagre diets needed supplementing.

Joining part of Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail, the group followed the Nash Brook down through the pretty wooded Blaen-y-cwm into Cwm Nash and onto the beach.

Walking in an easterly direction with an ebbing tide, sea mist enveloped the surrounding steep cliffs and the temperature dropped rapidly.

Reaching Nash Point, the group clambered over rocks to stop for morning coffee at the seaward end of Cwm Marcross, where the sea was almost flat and eventually the sun returned.

Climbing uphill, they made their way along the coastal path to the Nash Point lighthouses built following the tragic loss of life from the passenger steamer Frolic that ran aground in 1830.

Many vessels over the years floundered on the six-mile Nash sandbank

or the fierce rocky cliffs: following a public outcry two lighthouses were built in 1832 and navigation buoys were attached to the sandbank.

It did not stop vessels running aground totally, but it did warn of the hidden dangers of this part of the Bristol Channel and on weekends in season the main lighthouse is open to visitors.

The group entered woodland covered with bluebells just before reaching St Donats Castle, which is built on Norman foundations and now houses Atlantic College that attracts students from all over the world.

Turning inland, they emerged at Parc Farm, where they followed the new footpath diversion, then across several fields to Marcross Farm for a walk through some frisky young inquisitive cattle.

Following the lane, they deviated through open fields as the temperature rose to reach Marcross. Passing the Church of the Holy Trinity, where a notice advises that the gate is secured to stop cows wandering into the churchyard, they went downhill by road and into woods above the Marcross Brook.

Returning to Cwm

Marcross, they climbed the cliff to gain a little breeze and enjoyed fine views of the Nash sandbank that was partially uncovered whilst enjoying a lunch break.

The Iron Age fort that once stood there has been destroyed by cliff erosion.

Crossing another stone stile, the group followed the cliff path, where gaps in the turf indicate how badly the cliffs are decaying and falling onto the beach below.

Returning to Cwm Nash and the lovely shady Blaen-y-cwm that envelops the Nash Brook, the group returned by quiet lane to The Plough and Harrow which dates back to 1383 and some members enjoyed a well deserved cool refreshing pint in the beer garden before the journey home.

On April 30, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for an 8-mile moderate walk at Ystradowen; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Chicks, Easter bunnies – and snowmen



Members with some of the 1,200 chicks donated this year.

Knitters work overtime for Velindre hospital!

FOR the past 10 years, members of Soroptimist International Barry and District, together with family and friends, have knitted more than 10,000 chicks for the Velindre Hospital Easter Chick Appeal.

The Appeals Officer at Velindre Hospital, Julie Smith, MBE, started the 'Chick Knit' 14 years ago, and her aim is to reach £1million! At the moment, she is £70,000 short, but hopes

to reach this target next year.

Volunteers fill the knitted chicks with chocolate eggs and these are sold at £1 each. About 90 per cent of the chicks are sold in schools.

On top of the 1,200 chicks donated this year, club member and Barry florist, Hilary West, together with her staff, Laura, Samantha, Jane and Maxine, knitted, sewed up and sold not

only chicks, but snowmen at Christmas and currently Easter bunnies. These have contributed a further £120 to the Appeal.

The Velindre Appeal is always looking for new knitters, and anyone interested should telephone Julie Smith on (029) 2031 6211.

To find out more, visit www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/barry-and-district

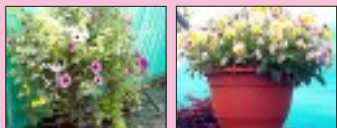
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Our budget has protected students in Wales from the huge fees hike introduced by the UK Government and extended our Apprenticeship scheme.

Whilst in Government, Welsh Labour has introduced free prescriptions, free bus passes and free school breakfasts, we are committed to keeping these services if returned to Government on May 5th.

I hope you will support me on May 5th and allow me to continue as your Assembly Member.

Best wishes,

Jane Hutt

Jane Hutt - Labour Assembly Candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

Caving, walking – and kayaking on ‘curriculum’

FOURTEEN year-7 boys from Barry Comprehensive School braved the cold and wet conditions last term to take part in a visit to the Storey Arms outdoor activity centre in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The boys experienced caving at the Porth Yr Ogof Gorge, walking along the River Mellte near Ystradfellte and kayaking on the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal.

“The activities were at times physically demanding and challenging but the boys derived great satisfaction from overcoming their inhibitions and gaining success in a whole new field of learning. They experienced enjoyment, comradeship and adventure,” Mr Andrew Clissett reported.

BELOW: Team building exercise on the Brecon and Monmouthshire canal.



At Porth Yr Ogof, about to enter the caves.



Tyrell in a tight squeeze.

Miri Mieri's great family sunflower race

THE Miri Mieri family garden (near the children's play area by Llantion Hall, Llantwit Major) now has two round beds up-and-growing, one ready to grow (with thanks to Cowbridge Compost), and another waiting to be filled.

Two new terraced beds are brimming with onions, sweetcorn, kale, plus onion and beetroot seeds.

Autumn raspberries have gone in along the fence, and small hazel seedlings along the bottom edge.

At Easter weekend, we spotted a lively green frog and three slow-worms: a large male and female, and a baby male about 12 cm long.

We are looking for some large lengths of wood to make a new bed at the bowls-club-end, for beans, tomatoes and courgettes. If anyone can offer something suitable,

possibly a railway sleeper, please call the number below.

Next session: The public is invited to take part in Llantwit Major's Great Sunflower Race on Saturday, May 7 (at 10.30am-12.30pm).

Who will grow the tallest sunflower in town?

All ages are welcome, as long as children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

This is a free event, but if the dry weather continues, please try to bring along a bottle of water for the thirsty plants!

As usual, old clothes are recommended.

Miri Mieri is a Transition Llantwit project.

For more information, or to offer help with the garden, please ring 796849 or 07804 624795.

ANNIE PAINE

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr and Mrs Paul and Kirsten Tedder – 12 Cory Crescent, Peterston-super-Ely – Single storey extension to front, side and rear. Mr James Glasson – 4 Clos Llanfair, Wenvoe – Single storey kitchen extension to rear of existing dwelling. Mr Andrew Tipping – Barn adjacent to Clearhill, Heol Las, Wick – Change of use of existing holiday let cottage to full residential use as smallholding. Fitz Project Management – 92 High Street, Barry – Shopfront alterations to provide front access to existing flats.

J V Tree Services – Brookside, Llancarfan – Clear fell ash tree. Punch Pub Partnerships – Bush Inn, St Hilary, Cowbridge – Install flue liner within chimney and add one chimney pot to left-hand chimney stack. Native Woodland Ltd – Cardiff and the Vale Natural Burial Ground, Coedardhyglyn, St Nicholas – Construction of a simple timber-framed memorial shelter in which to shelter funeral parties during inclement weather and a store-room for funeral and grave digging equipment. Fresh Bacon Company Ltd – 50b Holton Road, Barry – Alteration of existing shop front to revert to traditional form. Mr Roger Mundy – Land to the rear of 94 Lavernock Road, Penarth – One detached three bedroom house with integral garage.

Mr Matthew Thomas – 2 Hinchcliff Avenue, Barry – Demolition of existing detached garage and replace with new detached garage and associated summer-house. Mr Jon Featherstone – 16 Heol Neuadd, Cogan, Penarth – Loft conversion with dormer to rear. Mr and Mrs S James – 7 Fennel Close, Penarth – Utility/WC extension and additional parking provision at the front of the property.

Mr and Mrs Daubney – 2 Church Road, Wick – 1.5m extension to front bedroom with hipped roof. Mr Alan Brooks – 108 Murlande Way, Rhoose – Conservatory to rear of dwelling. Mr Stephen Tarling – 5 Percy Smith Road, Llantwit Major – Single storey side extension. Mr John Thomas – Splott Farm, Cowbridge Road, Aberthaw – Laying of hardcore material to form access track for agricultural machinery (4m x 195m). Provision of replacement agricultural storage shed (18.3m x 5.1m x 3.9m max). Mrs Janine Price – 6 Westward Rise, Barry – Single storey side extension. MVC Building Services – 54 Nant Tatwg Way, Barry – Conversion of garage to form granny annexe and new front porch to dwelling.

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ABOVE: Cooling off in the icy waters of the Mellte.



ABOVE: Owen sliding along in Porth Yr Ogof.

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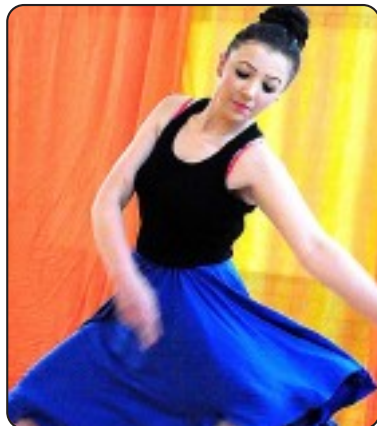
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Pupils' performance of contemporary dance programme leaves the audience 'enchanted'

Photographs
by IAN DIXON

SENIOR pupils at Bryn Hafren School took part in 'Deliver' – an exhibition of performance art prepared for parents featuring solo and group dance.

A school spokesman reported: "The audience were enchanted by the high standard and diversity of the programme, and there were special plaudits for the choreography, which was devised by both students and staff."



BRYN HAFREN MAD HATTERS RAISE CASH FOR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S WORK



PHOTOGRAPHS
by IAN DIXON



Bryn Hafren school held a Mad Hatter's Tea Party earlier this month, supporting Amnesty International and highlighting the need to oppose the world-wide abuse of girls and women. The staff and students baked cakes and biscuits, provided tea and fruit juice, all served by the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and, of course, the Dormouse. Representatives of Amnesty International joined in the fun, with pupils writing messages for the 'wishing tree' – celebrating the women they most admire.

High Street traders' Easter parade displays the most 'amazing' bonnets and fancy dress!

Photographs by JAN IRVING



THE High Street traders' Easter bonnet parade on Good Friday proved a great success, with some wonderful creations.

Traders' chairman, Mr Tony Hopkins, said: "I would like to thank everyone who took part in our parade. The effort and hard work put into making the bonnets and fancy dress was truly amazing. Everyone looked fantastic and deserved to be a winner!"

"I would like to say a special thank you to The GEM's very own Jan Irving, to Jane Hutt and Dr Bob, who had the unenviable task of picking the winners."

THE WINNERS WERE:

0-6yrs Bonnet – 1st Isobel Rosser, 2nd Finnley Rex, 3rd Chloe Williams.

0-6 yrs Fancy Dress – 1st Rayne Turner, 2nd Zach Dyer, 3rd Laura Woodfin.

6 – 12 yrs Bonnet – 1st Joshua Slatter, 2nd Jessica Bowen, 3rd Leah Jade.

6-12 yrs Fancy Dress – 1st Josh Davies, 2nd Katie Rosser, 3rd Paige Rosser.

12yrs+ - 1st Cloe Davies, 2nd Shannon Davies, 3rd Carolyn Knight.

Mr Hopkins added: "Thanks also go to Sharon George and her sister Helen at MJM Computers for organising everything, Karl Kuhnell the Mayor of Barry, and Cubana's Café Bar, who once again hosted our famous Easter tea party."



The sun shines on double celebration in Porthkerry park



Coun Anthony Ernest cuts the ribbon to declare the new play area open.

PORTHKERRY country park was bathed in sunshine for a dual celebration.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, led by Coun Anthony Ernest, the Vale Council's cabinet member for tourism and leisure, opened the park's new nautical-themed play area. It was followed by a cake cutting to mark the

opening of the newly-refurbished café and new decked eating area.

The new play area was installed by the Vale Council, thanks to an £84,000 grant funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The café and adjacent land has been rejuvenated by local businessman Pat Collins.

Dyspraxia support group's local AGM

THE annual meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, May 9, at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.

Professor Amanda Kirby of the Discovery Centre at the University of Newport, will address the meeting.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (as

well as related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes) and their parents and carers by providing advice and information, as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

It operates a 24-hour help and advice line on 01446 738945 and a website, www.vdsg.org.uk and also runs social activities and a laptop loan programme.

FAST FIVE IS DUMB, BUT FULL OF FUN!

THOSE with a taste for fast cars, fast women and plenty of over-the-top histrionics will no doubt be relishing the release of the latest instalment in the *Fast & Furious* franchise, *Fast Five*.

While some (including this very column) predicted the death of the franchise following the woeful fourth outing, it seemed that the paying public largely disagreed – the financial success of *Fast & Furious* giving the series renewed impetus.

This time around, Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) and Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) team up with familiar faces from the previous films, as they fall into the path of a drug lord (Joaquim de Almeida)

and a federal agent (Dwayne Johnson) who both want to get their hands on the gang for different reasons...

Let's get one thing straight right from the start – *Fast Five* certainly isn't *The King's Speech*. There will be no subtlety, no dramatic grandstanding performances and nothing to give Oscar voters sleepless nights come next March.

However, what you do get is a film that is surprisingly rather enjoyable, a guilty pleasure designed to pound your senses into submission so that anything that is just plain nonsense disappears into the background not to be mentioned again.

While the franchise has undergone the law of diminishing returns, each effort just that little less impressive than the last, the previous outing was seemingly

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

the work of a lobotomised chimpanzee with his hands gaffer-taped to a keyboard; all the more surprising then that the two men responsible for that mess are present and correct here.

Director Justin Lin appears to have become the guardian of all that is fast and furious, this

being his third effort, and the director appears to have taken notice of the shortfalls of last outing. The computer effects are pared down and used far more subtly, giving the film a more visceral and realistic edge.

While the driving set-pieces may be MIA for much of the film, Lin hits pay dirt with the final sequence, a whizz-bang set-piece of destruction that gains no points for delicacy, but plenty for sheer wanton devastation.

Screenwriter Chris Morgan still seems to be unable to grasp the intricacies of multi-dimensional characters and believable dialogue (what is offered here should be renamed 'dire-logue') but he does at least craft a decent story that Lin can hang his set-pieces on while the cast breeze in and out.

Certainly the performances won't make any end-of-year lists, but both Vin Diesel and Paul Walker, as well as Jordana Brewster, are more than au fait with their characters, offering turns that sit well in the scheme of things, while the likes of Tyrese

Gibson, Ludacris and Sung Kang bring enough casual cool to the roles to offset the lack of actual acting.

However, the stand-out turn by far is Dwayne Johnson as the federal agent on the tail of Toretto and company; with muscles on top of muscles, charisma that sparkles and an attitude that makes him by far the most engaging character, Johnson shows exactly why he was once considered the action hero of the future, putting the other contender for that throne (a certain Vin Diesel) firmly in the shade.

While it isn't a film for the more discerning film fan, *Fast Five* is however a shot in the arm of a franchise that seemed to be dying slowly; with a post-credits sequence setting up a potential sixth installment, it will be something to look forward to based on the evidence here.

VERDICT – Neither big nor clever, *Fast Five* is, however, a thrilling, fast-paced heist movie with the sort of car destruction that would make even the brothers Blue take notice.

The performances and script are nothing to write home about, but do add up to a satisfying whole that requires little in the way of brain exercise. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Fast & The Furious*, *Ocean's Eleven*, *Gone in Sixty Seconds*.



Cast members, from left, Nia Ann Jones, Non Parry, Mark Evans, Gwydion Rhys Griffiths.

'Reverse the decline in nursery rhymes' – says songwriter Caryl

VALE singer-songwriter Caryl Parry-Jones is taking on a novel challenge – to help reverse the decline of traditional nursery rhymes.

She is not only appearing in the children's TV series *Marcaroni*, which began in April 27, but she has been largely responsible for the writing and composing.

The series, starring West End star Mark Evans, from Denbighshire, will be shown on S4C and this week a CD of some of the

new songs featured in the 52 episodes has been released.

Caryl lives in Cowbridge and has collaborated in the past with Swansea guitarist and composer Christian Phillips.

They co-wrote the script for *Rhestr Nadolig Wil* which won a BAFTA UK children's drama category award in 2009.

Together they dreamt up the mythical character Marcaroni, the composer of all children's songs, who lives in a clock.

Zumba top of the pops with pupils!

WEEKLY Zumba classes and the 5x60 scheme are top of the pops at Stanwell School, Penarth.

The popular dance fitness class was added to activities on offer by the school's 5x60 officer Pete O'Sullivan to encourage pupils to exercise.

Teachers and pupils are getting a weekly workout with the Latin



dance craze.

Deputy head Mrs Kynaston, said: "As part of Stanwell's commitment to healthy living,

we felt it was important to encourage all members of staff to take part in this worthwhile and fun activity."

Easter egg collection

LOCAL businesses have been collecting Easter eggs for local 'Action for Children' establishments.

Staff at a funeral home, the public and local firms have all donated eggs for this worthy children's charity.

Arthur Thompson of AG Adams and Son, and WA Brown and Son, said: "This is the eighth year we have collected eggs for different children's charities, and again the people of Barry and Llantwit Major have been extremely generous in donating the eggs."

Welsh art show THE best of Welsh art inspires an exhibition at Art Central, the Vale Council's gallery in Barry.

'The Welsh Group' – formed more than 60 years ago – includes artists living and working in Wales.

The exhibition has works by Alan Salisbury, Dilys Jackson and Robert Harding, and takes in a wide cross-section of art.

The exhibition at the Town Hall is open from Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, until May 7 (excluding Bank Holidays).



THE young performers at the Vale-based Nicola Peros Dance School have been celebrating a double success.

The youngsters will be performing with the company of the English Youth Ballet in July, and have been carrying out intense rehearsals in preparation for the event.

Also, Rochelle Davies and Mia Watkins have won scholarship prizes – Rochelle's senior scholarship was worth £400!

ABOVE: The members of the Nicola Peros Dance School have been rehearsing hard in preparation for a special performance. Photograph by NOEL TAYLOR

Using spreadsheets for fun: THE GRID

ONE of the marvellous things about computers is their sheer versatility. They have the potential to be great labour-saving devices – not just saving mental effort, but physical effort, too.

A pet hate of mine is shuffling furniture around a room to see how it looks/fits. Instead, I now have fun on my machine, where I can eliminate most of the effort.

All this can be done without special drawing software. Any spreadsheet application will do. I use Microsoft Excel, which is part of Microsoft Office.

Some people ignore their spreadsheet facilities because they are vaguely aware that they are something to do with numbers and sums, and they don't do sums!

It is true that they were developed to do number crunching, and do it so well that we forget that it was the 'killer application' that gave impetus to the development of computers in the

first place. Howard proceeded to show how useful they can be for drawing and planning.

If you have a space and want to fit things into it, you first have to measure the space and the objects and jot the sizes down on a rough sketch.

Turn the cells on a spreadsheet into a A grid. Adjust the column width to be, say 25 pixels, as follows.

Put the cursor into the heading of column A. The cursor will change into a black down arrow; hold down the left mouse button and drag across the columns you wish to change. They will all be highlighted as selected.

Now hover the cursor between any two highlighted column heads.

It will appear as a heavy vertical line with a horizontal double-headed arrow.

When you hold down the left mouse button, a little box will appear giving the column width as a number and (in brackets) as 80 pixels.

Still holding down the mouse button, drag the cursor to the left until the number of pixels

changes to what you want.

Release the mouse button and all the highlighted columns will be adjusted to the selected column width.

In a similar manner, the row height can be increased to the same 25 pixels and you have a perfect grid.

You can use the squares to represent any size convenient for your project.

They could be one centimetre; four-inches; one foot, or even one kilometre.

Incidentally, you are now able to construct sheets of graph paper to meet any other needs you come across.

You can change the size of the grid or even change its proportions by turning the squares into oblongs.

With the grid all set, you are ready to start creating your objects using the magic of AutoShapes.

If you have never used them before, you are in for a treat.

Visitors are welcome. For enquiries, telephone 029 20708439.

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Another Great Glamorgan GEM reader competition in conjunction with the Glamorgan Cricket Club

Win Tickets to watch our Ashes heroes take on the World Cup finalists ENGLAND versus SRI LANKA 1st npower Test Match, Cardiff, May 26th to May 30th

Andrew Strauss's side return to Test match action, following their winter Ashes victory, in a repeat of their World Cup Quarter Final against eventual finalists, Sri Lanka. Tillakaratne Dilshan's side are themselves ranked fourth in the world – just one place behind England – and will provide stiff opposition, featuring a combination of established stars and a rising generation of new talent. If you've never been to an international sports event before, take advantage of the bank holiday weekend and come to this major sporting event. It's not as expensive as you think – tickets for the first international on home soil start at just £25 with junior tickets available for only £10.

For more information or to buy tickets visit: www.glamorgancricket.com or call 02920 419 311

Glamorgan Cricket are offering five lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to day 4 of the Test Match – all you need to do is answer the following question:

How much will it cost for a child to watch England vs Sri Lanka at the 1st npower Test Match in Cardiff? £10 – £25 – £45

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Out and About with The GEM

PORTHKERRY PLOD RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

RUNNERS of all abilities are invited to sign up now for this year's LifeStyle Porthkerry Plod, which takes place on Sunday, May 8.

Set in the stunning scenery of Porthkerry Park in Barry, the five-mile event challenges runners to tackle fields, hills, roads, woodland and coastal paths and starts at 10am.

The Plod is sponsored by the Vale Council's LifeStyle Health and Fitness gyms, based at the Leisure Centres in Barry, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Penarth, and is organised in association with Penarth and Dinas Runners.

Jonathan Rogers, the Vale Council's LifeStyle operations manager said: "Now in its sixth year, the Plod has

grown in popularity to become a firm fixture on the local sporting calendar.

"The event has attracted international runners, club members and relative novices who like a challenge. "We are delighted to sponsor the Plod and look forward to welcoming any entrants into our gyms as they train for the race."

Potential entrants are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible as the race is limited to 300 runners.

Entry is just £6 for LifeStyle and affiliated members or £8 for unaffiliated runners, and the closing date for entries in advance is Wednesday, May 4. People can also enter on

the day for £10, and all entrants must be aged 17 or over.

Jim McCulloch, one of the race organisers from Penarth and Dinas Runners, said: "The LifeStyle Porthkerry Plod is a really fun event, and the course is a good challenge for runners of all abilities."

"We are expecting bumper entries this year so don't miss out!"

Proceeds from the Plod will be donated to Penarth and Dinas Runners' nominated charities for 2011 – the JAM Fund and MIND.

Download an entry form from www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/lifestyle or www.penarthandinasrunners.org.uk.

Pedal push for NSPCC

THE NSPCC is calling on nurseries in the Vale to take part in its annual Pedal Push for pre-school aged children – to raise funds for the charity.

"Children at nurseries, creches and playgroups can take part by being sponsored to hop on their bike, trike or

scooter and pedal or push their way around a fun course at their nursery, playground, playgroup or even their local park to raise funds for the NSPCC, making a real difference to children's lives across the UK," a spokesperson explained.

Nurseries can also choose to raise funds for their own group by keeping up to 25 per cent of the money raised.

Register at www.nspcc.org.uk/pedal-push, 0800 101 996 or email pedalpush@nspcc.org.uk for more information.

Ladies Choir at church

WHY not come along and enjoy an evening of light musical entertainment with the Barry Ladies Choir?

The choir will be performing at Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston on Friday, May 6, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5, available from the village shop, Bonvilston or telephone 01446 781309.

Proceeds will be divided between Christian Aid and Zoar

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Local artist's 'moving work' wins plaudits



Linda Atkinson with Jane Hutt.

THE 'Art is my Life' exhibition mounted by Lynda Atkinson at Dinas Powys Methodist Church included a painting of Cardiff Bay Waterfront with the Senedd as a key feature.

Among the interested visitors was Jane Hutt, who praised the artist's "vivid and moving depiction".

WENVOE SALE

WENVOE WI is holding a table top sale in the Community Centre, Wenvoe, on Saturday, May 7, at 10.30am; entrance 50p.

CHURCH FAYRE

ST PAUL'S famous family bargains, a tribute to Harry Potter and a big raffle, feature at St Paul's Church fayre, on May 7, in St Paul's Avenue, Barry.

Stalls include gifts and cards; home produce, bric-a-brac and homemade cakes. Admission is 50p and all children are admitted free.

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What's on and where in your local area

Charity dinner

ON Saturday (April 30) the Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell will be a holding a charity function at the Mount Sorrell Hotel, Barry at 7pm.

The evening will include a three-course meal, entertainment, auction and raffle.

All proceeds will be donated to the Mayor's chosen charities – Barry Beavers Swimming Club and the Barry Ladies Choir.

Contact the Mayor's secretary, Julie Hurd, on 01446 704921

Street surgery

INDEPENDENT councillor, Richard Bertin, is holding a street surgery between 10am and 11am on Saturday (April 30) in the Holland Way and Iolo Place area of Barry.

He can be contacted on 01446 736227, or email rjbartin@valeofglamorgan.co.uk.

Singing tree

ART4U presents the art of the singing tree – a relaxed day of art, chimes, drums and didgeridoos on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday May 1 at 10.30am–5pm

in Romilly Park, Barry. Spring fair

THE Barry Philatelic Society spring fair takes place at the Highlight Community Centre from 10am-4.30pm on Saturday, April 30.

Admission 50p. Details on 01446 741026.

Art demo

ON Thursday, May 5 at 7pm in the annexe of Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge, the Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Hilary Bryanston, who will give a demonstration on semi-abstract wet-in-wet watercolour.

Non members welcome.

Royal party

FAMILIES are invited to Market Street Sports and Social Club, Barry, on May 2 to help raise cash for Marie Curie and also to celebrate

the royal wedding.

From 10am–4pm, celebrations include a big screen, karaoke and disco. There will also be a Jubilee style buffet.

Tickets cost £3.50 and are available from Market Street Club, or call 07425143453. All proceeds will be donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Party pictures

TOMORROW (April 29) sees the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton take place in London.

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Llandinam Rd	72	Gold	13/12/10
Lon Yr Eglwys	24	Silver	28/6/2007
Lougher Place	38	Gold	24/2/2011
Phyllis Street	3	Silver	24/9/2009
South View	51	Gold	24/6/2010
Trehame Rd	57	Gold	2/11/2010
Maes Yr Ysgol	58	Gold+	09/11/10
Michaelston Close	81	Gold+	26/02/10
Monmouth Way	20	Gold	06/12/10
Narberth Court	34	Gold	16/12/10
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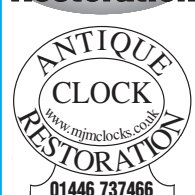
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Dilwyn, aged 93 years, of Maesglas, Bonvilston.

Beloved husband for 71 years of Anne (Nancy),
dearly loved father of Marian, father-in-law of Michael
Quick, much loved grandfather of David and Elizabeth
and great-grandfather of Charlotte.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons,
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Colin, much loved mother of Carolyn, and a loving
grandmother and great-grandmother.

Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on
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In Memoriam

Eddie Horsfall

29th April, 2010

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Of the things we used to do,
Of the things we used to say,
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Wanderers get season off to a good start

BARRY Wanderers
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to a flier with a true
demolition job of
Cardiff Cavaliers at
Hayes Point.

Dean Thomas (55) and
debutant Hissan Ur
Rehman (51) got the
home side off to the per-
fect start with an opening
partnership of 118.

This gave the remain-
ing batsmen license to
play their shots and
quick-fire scores of 30
from Aled Hughes, 20
from Nimesh Reddy and
38 not out from Tom
Ridgwell meant that the
Wanderers reached a
total of 223-5, which
looked a good score on a
difficult batting wicket.

The Cavaliers were
unable to match the hard
work and fluid stroke-
play of the Wanderers
and were quickly in trou-
ble when Dan Bowles
dismissed Thomas for a
duck in the first over.

Chapman batted well
for 29, but was out too
soon for his side with
Dylan Williams claiming
his wicket with the assis-
tance of Tom Ridgwell,
who caught well at
square leg.

Aled Hughes chipped
in with the dismissal of
Davies for 11, but from
there on it was the Philip
John show. On a slow,
low track, he demon-
strated expert knowledge
of where to bowl on such
a wicket, and he executed
perfectly, claiming the
wickets of Gardner,
Davis, Duffy and
Poulson to finish with
figures of 4-16 from six
overs.

He destroyed the
Cavaliers' middle order
and all that was left was
for Nimesh Reddy to
claim the remaining two
wickets and the game
was won. Cardiff
Cavaliers were all out for
97, the Wanderers win-
ning by 126 runs.

The SofaSofa man of
the match was Philip
John.

**Radyr, Hayes
Point, April 24**
ON another better of a
day, BWCC hosted
Radyr for a 40-over
friendly.

Skipper Fenton won
the toss and unsurpris-
ingly decided to bat.
Defeo and Sawyer
opened and looked com-
fortable before Defeo
was bowled round his
legs.

Sawyer played some
exquisite shots in his 21,
while Aled Hughes flu-
ently scored runs, includ-
ing two audacious
reverse sweeps. He
reached 102 but ably
supporting Hughes was
Matt Burgin, who batted
superbly to achieve his
career best of 54 not out.
BWCC ended on 222
off 40 overs.

A steady fall of Radyr
wickets left the away
side reeling at 50 for 5.

A good sixth wicket
partnership ensued, but
once Fenton got rid of
them the end was nigh
and they ended well short
of the 222 required.

The SofaSofa man of

the match was shared by
Aled Hughes and Matt
Burgin for their fine
efforts with the bat.

**Barry West End,
Barry Athletic
Cricket Ground,
April 25**
BARRY West End
and **Barry Wanderers** met
at the Island for the
final game of the Bank
Holiday weekend.

Jamie Keir won the
toss and elected to bat.
Despite an initially confi-
dent start from Blundell
and Ur Rehman, the
Wanderers were soon in
trouble, with both open-
ers falling in quick suc-
cession.

Debutant Ajay Pathan
(two) soon followed and
the Wanderers were in
big trouble on 27-3 off 11
overs.

It soon got even grim-
mer for the Wanderers
with Hassett (eight) and
Mhadgut (18) departing
earlier than was needed.

A partnership of 32
between Keir and
Bowles helped, and so
did Keir and Nandan,
who put on 36 for the
eighth wicket.

Gutsy contributions
from Bowles (20),
Nandan (21) and Keir
(44 not out) pushed their
side on to a total of 145-
9.

Bowles clean-bowled
Crowthor for five with a
vicious in-swinging
delivery.

Krishna Nandan fol-
lowed up his decent
knock when Gadd edged
a ball to Ur-Rehman at
slip.

Tight opening bowling
from these two left the
West End on 28-2 off 12
overs. Stirke claimed the
important scalp of
Thomas when he had
him expertly caught at
mid-wicket by Ieuan
Wade, before his elder
brother got in the act and
had Jones out LBW for 0.
Stirke helped himself to
another wicket, out-fox-
ing Jones in the flight of
the ball, bowling him for
seven before Ieuan Wade
came on and showed his
brother that anything he
can do, Ieuan could do
better.

With the West End in
trouble on 66-5 off 22
overs, Wade the younger
tossed the ball up, invit-
ing the batsmen to play
risky strokes. This
induced lots of streaky
shots but no wicket. This
all changed with the last
ball of his third over,
when he bowled a lower,
flatter delivery to deceive
the experienced Glan
Williams (11).

It was great thinking
from the youngster and
he got rid of Holmes for
two. A spectacular catch
from Mhadgut left Wade
on a hat-trick but unfor-
tunately Mansfield sur-
vived. Wade claimed his
fourth wicket soon
enough when Tommy
Miller skied one to
Mhadgut, which left the
West End all out on 115,
a win for the Wanderers
by 30 runs.

The SofaSofa man of
the match was Ieuan
Wade.

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Southerndown Golf Club ramblers.

Southerndown ladies on a ramble through history

**A GROUP of ladies from
Southerndown Golf Club
recently set off on a ramble to
Margam Park.**

The walk was about five miles
and along the way they were told
some of the history of the estate -
that Bronze Age man may have set-
tled there and several burial
mounds (tumuli) exist in the north-
ern and eastern sections.

As the Roman legions started to
spread into Wales, the Celtic tribes
of the hill forts could not withstand
the repeated onslaughts.

Eventually, the tribe at Margam
succumbed, perhaps being starved

into submission after a long siege or
defeated in battle.

Any survivors would have been
put to work for their conquerors
and must have helped building the
network of Roman roads in the
region.

At present, Margam Castle over-
looks the steel works in the dis-
tance; it was the profits from the
works that C R M Talbot used to
build for himself the elegant coun-
try house that we can see today.

After making their way down
from the hillside, the group had a
late lunch in the new restaurant.

RITA WILLIAMS

Cadoxton Barry need a strong finish to head off relegation

**YET another
defeat, this time at
the hands of
Tonypandy, sees
Cadoxton Barry
(CB) slip deeper
into relegation
trouble.**

This was very much
a midfield battle and to
be honest, aside from
one amazing second
half double-save by CB
'keeper Lee Norris, nei-
ther side looked capa-
ble of scoring, even if
they had stayed out
there until the end of
the heat wave.

A spell of headers
saw the ball eventually
reach Mills on the left,
but his volley went
wide of the far post.
Then Blackmore took a
dip from long range but
it didn't come down
fast enough.

A Martyn free kick
awarded for a pass back
to the 'keeper was
taken from near the
penalty spot and divert-
ed for a corner by the
wall. Aiden Lewis met
the corner well but the
shot went too high.

Then it was time for
the sides to trade pass-
ing movements as first
Tonypandy put together
around a dozen before
CB more than matched it
with 15.

Neither of the move-
ments, however,
amounted to anything
like a scoring chance.
Half-time came and

South Wales Senior League Division One	
TONYPANDY	1
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went with the second
half action looking less
likely to see the dead-
lock broken. Indeed, a
penalty looked to be the
only way it was likely
to happen, and in due
course one arrived.

It came when a CB
player clipped the ankle
of an attacking player
on the right hand edge
of the box - Gareth
Moyle making no mis-
take from the spot.

Then, with two
exceptions, it was back
to the midfield stale-
mate.

The first exception
came as Mills appeared
to be pushed in the

back on the edge of the
box, the incident going
unpunished - while the
second saw the only
serious shots on goal of
the whole game bring-
ing an amazing double-
save from CB's Lee
Norris.

He parried a blister-
ing shot up and on to
the underside of his
own bar, from where it
rebounded into play
near his right post. The
loose ball was then
blasted back at goal,
bringing another quality
save from Norris as he
dived and stretched to
deny Tonypandy.

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SPORT is a funny old pastime. Sometimes a good teacher can encourage pupils to take part in a sport for years and years without any of them gaining recognition for an outstanding individual or team performance, and then – BINGO! When you least expect it, out of the blue comes unexpected success.

Many Vale residents as well as former and current pupils of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, will know of Mr Glan Williams, a member of the school's PE department for more than 30 years and a huge influence on pupils taking part in and gaining success in a host of different sporting activities.

For the last 10 years, Glan has been a huge supporter of the winter sportshall programmes, organised originally as a single championships by south Wales region and then, since 2005, by Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Athletics Association.

At secondary schools, a sportshall programme includes competition for two age groups – under-13 (years 7 and 8) and under-15 (years 9 and 10) – and a series of track and field events.

For track events, 'reversaboard' are placed at opposite ends of the hall. Athletes start from a line in the middle of the hall and race, in their lane, towards their reversaboard. When they arrive, they use the 'board' to push off with a foot and change direction, running back towards the reversaboard at the opposite end of the hall. Again, when they arrive, they complete a similar turn.

When athletes arrive back at the starting line, they have completed one 'lap'. Normal competition distances are two laps and four laps – the equivalent of normal sprint events – plus a six lap time-trial, and relays – 4 x 2 laps, 4 x 1 laps and a 2 athlete, 8 laps relay.

On the field, there are standing long and triple jump events, a shot competition, speed bounce, a vertical jump and, for under-13 athletes, a high jump event.

The under-13 age groups include both individual events and relays. There is an all-rounder competition at under-15, a bit like a cut down pentathlon. Teams are limited to six athletes and a reserve. From that

by PETER MORRIS

six, a team is expected to field three athletes in each of the two events in a group, and there are three groups. For the boys the groups are 2 laps or 4 laps, standing long or standing triple jump and shot or speed bounce. The girls competed over a similar format with just one change – the vertical jump replaces the standing triple jump.

Welsh Sportshall finals have been held since the early 90s, with a variety of different teams taking part. Since 2005, the competition has been for eight teams, based on the eight schools' districts. The winning team in each section at that Welsh event, plus any outstanding individuals, qualify to compete at the UK Finals, which were held for many years at the National Indoor Arena in the centre of Birmingham but were transferred to what is now the LG Arena at the National Exhibition Centre in 2008.

Glan Williams has been bringing Cowbridge pupils to local sportshall competitions for a decade or more, and there have been a number of winners – but qualifying for the UK Finals and making an impact there is a very different matter.

Glan's first trip to the UK Finals as a team manager for south Wales region was in 2003, when the under-13 boys team qualified – and there was a first-ever Cowbridge medalist. Year-8 pupil Huw Adams finished third in the 6 lap time-trial, to claim a bronze medal.

In 2006, the Welsh Sportshall Finals were held at Deeside, in north Wales. As boys' team manager, one of Glan's decisions brought unexpected success. A decision to swap year-8 Oliver Trotman's field event from high jump to standing long jump resulted in a winning leap of 2.46 metres in the under-13 section, and brought a wild card invitation to compete at the UK Sportshall Finals.

In 2007 and 2008, there were surprise wins in the under-15 boys sections for Cardiff and Vale Schools teams, largely made up of Cowbridge pupils, at the Welsh Sportshall Finals, but the teams struggled at the UK Finals finishing in bottom end of the 12 competing teams.

The one 'golden moment' came in 2007 in unexpected fashion as Glan's 2 boy, 8 lap relay team of Sam Conway and Konstantinos Karras finished first in the 8

lap paarlauf relay

Glan was back on the road to the UK Finals again in 2010, with a year-8 pupil. At the Cardiff & the Vale Schools championships, George Griffiths had won three events – the 2 laps, standing long jump and high jump – but in the Welsh finals, he could only do one track event and one field event. As it is always more difficult to find good high jumpers, George was selected for the 2 laps and the high jump. He did not win either event, finishing second in both, but he was permitted to compete as a non scoring athlete in the standing long jump and produced a leap of 2.62 metres, which would have been good enough to win.

That jump also earned him a trip, with Glan there to help, to the UK Sportshall Finals as a wild card entry – and the icing on the cake was a win with a best distance of 2.69 metres, a new Welsh under-13 sportshall best.

This year, the Welsh Sportshall Finals were held at Cwmbran right at the start of March and, with Glan again in charge, the boys' teams, which included a number of his Cowbridge pupils, gained unprecedented success, winning, for the first time, both the under-13 and under-15 boys' section, and providing the winner of the girls under-15 all-rounder, year-9 Claire Taylor (Radyr).

The Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Athletics Association owes a huge debt of gratitude to Glan for stepping forward to organise the team managers, the team officials and the team members to compete at the Aviva UK Sportshall Finals in early April – and the squad enjoyed undreamt of success at the most prestigious event that it can aspire to compete at.

At under-13, year-8 Tom Trotman just missed out on a gold medal in the high jump. He cleared the winning height of 1.63 metres but had to settle for silver on a poorer countback of performances.

There was better news at under-15. In a slightly shorter hall than Cwmbran, George Griffiths and year-10 team-mate Ellis-Wyn Benham (YG Glantaf) produced outstanding 2 lap performances at 20.9 seconds to share third place bronze medals.

George went on to improve his standing long jump from 2.69 to 2.82 metres, not enough to better the winning

leap of 2.96 metres set by Curtis Mitchell (Lancashire) but good enough to share second place with Seanie Henry of Donegal. That distance also equalled the Welsh best set by Chuka Enih Snell (West Glamorgan), one of the brightest young high jumpers produced by Wales, in 1999.

Those two events earned George a total of 190 points – 93 for the 2 laps and 97 for the standing long jump. The one minor blemish came in the shot event. An on the day best of 11.04 metres was only good enough for ninth place, and 84 points but it would have needed an improvement on his Welsh Sportshall performance of 11.52 metres to get a points boost. Something to work on for next winter!

A final points score of 274 earned the Cowbridge year-9 an undreamt of overall third place, the first of the scorers for a team, with two individuals figuring ahead of him. For good measure he gained revenge over year-10 Connor Lavery (North West Wales).

If anyone thought that there could be no further medals, they were wrong. The 4 x 2 lap relay squad, which included George, Elis and Aymen Abdullah (Cardiff High) qualified from their heat with the slowest of the six finalists, 84.84 seconds, but upped their performance in the final to clock 83.80 seconds, finishing second just 0.5 of a second behind Birmingham.

Lastly, there were the final scores. The best ever local performance was that South Wales under-13 boys' team in 2003. They finished fifth. This year's Cardiff & the Vale under-13s could not match that – they finished ninth – but the under-15s did. Their total of 1,105 placed them third behind the winners, Birmingham (1,214), and Hampshire (1,138).

Thank you, Glan. If the rumour that you plan to retire at the end of the summer term is true, we are delighted that (possibly) your final sportshall outing was such a wonderful experience! You have just made a huge personal contribution to the most successful month in the history of the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Athletics Association's history. Mind you, there is still the summer season to come – and who knows what will happen then?

SEE PAGE 28 FOR FULL RESULTS.

100 years of bowling for Barry Athletic



AS was reported recently in The GEM, Barry Athletic Bowling Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The members gathered for the first bowling of year on April 16, when these photographs (by Paul Jones) were taken.

Members were looking forward to the season's curtain-raiser, which was against St Fagan's – the club's first opponents 100 years ago.

The club also creates a unique record this season by appointing a brother and sister as 2011 team captains.

Robert and Bethan Horgan, both Welsh internationals, will lead the club on the domestic front.

Sprightly octogenarian club chairman, Alf Pidduck, believes the future of his club is bright judging by new youngsters showing exciting form at local and county level.

Centenary celebrations will conclude with a dinner at the Masonic Hall, Barry, in September.

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PHOTOS by Paul Jones
(More photographs can be viewed at www.valeevents.co.uk)



Vale schools get to grips with running and handling skills in a TAG tournament

A TAG rugby festival for schools in the Vale was held just before the end of term, hosted by Peterston-super-Ely.

A total of 19 teams took part, with more than 200 boys and girls demonstrating their running and passing skills in a well organised and successful event.

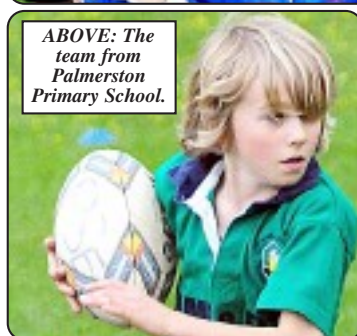


ABOVE: The team from Lllancarfan Primary School.



ABOVE: The Oakfield School team.

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ABOVE: The team from Palmerston Primary School.



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Barry Athletic centenary season gets off to a flyer

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club opened its centenary match programme in fine style at sun-drenched Barry Island last Saturday.

The Athletic's curtain-raiser was against St Fagans, the Barry club's first opponents 100 years ago this month.

In perfect conditions, on a surprisingly fast early season green, the home team celebrated their first of six special

centenary matches with a comfortable 120-98 victory.

The Athletic, featuring a number of exciting young prospects, registered wins on three of the six rinks with one drawn. Top rink honours went to club captain Robert Horgan's squad, coming in with an impressive 33-14 scorecard.

Robert's rink included new member Gary Jones at No 3, with the front pair Clive Phillips and John Morton playing their part in the big win.

Gareth Humphreys, one of the centenary match captains this summer, skipped his rink to a 14-14 tie after trailing 1-9. His line-up comprised centenary chairman Don Evans at lead, club chairman and captain of the day, Alf Pidduck, and Bill Summerell.

Kristian Harris' rink, 21-13 winners, was full of young talent with Dan Jones and Ben Parrish displaying good early season form. Kristian's lead, Derek Coombs, is older than the three members of the rink put together!

Dave Snelling was the other winning skip with a 19-16 score.

The match was sponsored by Mrs Mary Thomas and family in memory of Ron Thomas, a stalwart in the world of bowls and one of the Athletic's 'famous four' that once featured Gareth Humphreys, Jim Morgan and Russell Evans.

On Saturday, the first team begin their WBA Carruthers Shield qualifier at Pencoed and the second string entertain Penarth in a friendly.

CLIVE PHILLIPS

Scorpions sting the Skolars to grab a vital home victory

SOUTH Wales Scorpions held on for a nervy 20-18 win over London Skolars in a game that burst into life after half-time.

It took over half an hour for the first points to be scored. Skolars almost took the lead on ten minutes when Gareth Honor set up Sam Gee, but was forced into touch by Ashley Bateman.

The Scorpions' first major chance came just before the 20 minute mark when Semisi Cocker mishandled as he attempted to dive for a try, before Lee Williams pushed John Paxton into touch to save a score at the other end.

Finally Andrew Gay broke through the Skolars' defence on 32 minutes to score under the sticks. Jamie Murphy converted.

Then after winning a

**South Wales Scorpions 20
London Skolars 18**

by Ian Golden at The Gnoll

goal-line drop-out, Harri Greville opened up a gap for Ashley Bateman to run over. Murphy missed the kick and the Scorpions went in 10-0 up at half-time.

Scorpions increased their lead seven minutes into the second half. Christiaan Roets was held up over the line but from the next set, he set up Dalton Grant for the youngster to score on his debut.

But Skolars struck back five minutes later when substitute Dave McMeeken powered his way under the sticks - Jack Latus converted.

After the Scorpions survived a period of pressure, they scored from their next real attack

when Wildbore set up Dalton Grant who went through for an excellent individual try. Murphy converted.

London restored the balance when Austin Aggrey scored a good individual try of his own, his 50th for the Skolars. Latus converted.

Lee Williams had a try disallowed for offside that would have sealed the game and that was the catalyst for the close and exciting end to the game.

Aggrey was held up over the line and from the next set, Cariern Clement-Pascal weaved his way through to score. Latus converted and the Skolars ended up just two points adrift of the Scorpions.

Hornets beat the Scorpions

ROCHDALE Hornets moved up to third place in Co-operative Championship 1 after errors cost South Wales Scorpions with the final score at 40-18 at Spotlands.

However, the scoreline for the Scorpions was a big improvement from last season's play-off game, and with Jamie Murphy converting just one of the Scorpions' four tries, the score had more of a lopsided look to it.

Rochdale took the lead on five minutes, but Scorpions levelled things on 16 minutes with an

outstanding try from Andrew Gay. He picked up the ball at the halfway line and avoided four or five tackles on his run to scoring; Jamie Murphy converted.

Scorpions then fought for another equaliser after Rochdale's second try but Loz Wildbore and Semisi Cocker were both stopped short of the line.

Lee Williams also tried to intercept to run to the line but he mishandled.

Rochdale extended their lead controversially and when Semisi Cocker was sinbinned they took advantage of the extra man. Rochdale extended their lead to 28-6, and following two successive penalties which enabled

The comeback continued when Ashley Bateman leapt on Andrew Gay's grubber, and Neil Dallimore snuck a further try in the opposite corner.

However, Rochdale sealed the win right on the hooter when Steve McDermott scored under the sticks with Crook converting.

IAN GOLDEN

AVIVA SPORTSHALL FINAL RESULTS

THE results from the Aviva UK Sportshall finals, held in Birmingham, are as follows;

Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' results: Under-15 Boys

Team: 3rd (1,105).

3rd George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 274 (2 Laps - 20.9 (93); Shot - 11.04m (84); Standing Long Jump - 2.82m (97)); 16th Ellis-Wyn Benham (Glantaf) 237 (2 Laps - 20.9 (93); Speed Bounce - 75 (68); Standing Triple Jump - 7.64m (76)); 24th=

Aymen Abdullah (Cardiff High) 227 (2 Laps - 21.0 (86); Shot - 9.67m (54); Standing Long Jump - 2.62m (87)); 49th Lewis Ronicle (Cardiff High) 167 (4 Laps - 47.5 (51); Shot - 10.09m (60); Standing Long Jump - 2.42m (56)); 52th= Nick Thomas (Cardiff High) 158 (4 Laps - 47.3 (59); Speed Bounce - 59 (34); Standing Triple Jump - 7.31 m (65)); 64th Harry Orbell (Cardiff High) 131 (4 Laps - 47.9 (40); Speed Bounce - 71 (51); Standing Triple Jump - 6.77m (40)); Non scoring: Ram Syarzd (Cowbridge) Shot 11.02m; 4 x 2 Laps relay - 2nd - 1:23.8 (80); 8 Lap Paarlaf - 8th - 1:34.81 (70).

Under-13 Boys

Team: 9th (841).

Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) 104 [2 Laps - 8th - 22.1 (46); High Jump -

2nd - 1.63m (58)); Ryan James (Radyr) 62 (2 Laps - 9th= - 22.0 (43); Standing Long Jump - 7th - 2.29m (48)); Kristian Jones (Cowbridge) 61 (4 Laps - 12th - 49.0 (38); Speed Bounce - 19th - 73 (23)); Daniel Rhydderech (Glantaf) 43 (4 Laps - 17th= - 50.9 (27); Standing Triple Jump - 24th - 5.50m (16)); Rian Thomas (Cowbridge) 76 (6 Laps - 12th - 1:19.4 (38); Standing Long Jump - 12th - 2.24m (38)); Ellis Rosser (Cowbridge) 80 (6 Laps - 7th - 1:17.0 (48); Vertical Jump - 15th - 49cm (32)); Bradley Bromfield (Michaelston) 34 (High Jump - 14th= - 1.35m (34)); Daniel Oddy (Cowbridge) 14 (Shot - 24th - 6.74m (14)); Nathan Robson (Cowbridge) 42 (Shot - 10th - 9.66m (42)); Ben Tanner (Stanwell) 18 (Standing Triple Jump - 5.51m - 23rd (18); Matthew Leaman (Cardiff High) 23 (Speed Bounce - 19th=h - 73 (23)); Harrison Stevens (Cowbridge) 26 (Vertical Jump - 12th - 51 (38)); 4 x 2 Laps relay - 6th - 1:30.7 (90); 4 x 1 Lap relay - 11th= - 47.5 (35); Obstacle relay - 12th - 1:21.4 (30); 8 Lap Paarlaf - 9th - 1:39.0 (60).

Under-15 Girls:

Individual

26th Claire Taylor (Radyr) 218 [2 Laps - 23.69 (66); Shot - 8.16m (68); Standing Long Jump - 2.29m (84)).

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Trio triumph at black belt grading



ABOVE: Joseph Schembri pictured with his pupils who have all achieved success in their black belt grading.

S T U A R T PADMORE (35), Liam Padmore (10) and Mared Roberts (10) of Rhoose Tae Kwon Do club recently travelled to the TAGB Tae Kwon Do headquarters in Bristol to take their black belt grading.

The students at

Rhoose Tae Kwon Do club have been training for the past four years under Mr Joseph Schembri (4th degree black belt).

They were rewarded for their hard work, passing all previous grades at a high level. On the day, there were more than 500 students from all over the country, where they were put through the paces by performing patterns, sparring and a theory test.

A club spokesman said: "Mared and Liam at the tender age of 10, and Stuart at 34, have become 1st degree black belts and role models for the club."

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SOUTHERNDOWN GOLF CLUB LADIES



ABOVE: The ladies helped to raise £900 in aid of the Street Pastors of Bridgend.

Charity day helps out street pastors

ON April 18, the ladies held a charity day in aid of the Street Pastors of Bridgend and raised approximately £900.

It was a team event. First were Gill Parker, Bethan Parker and Eira Jones (Southerndown) with 95 points, while in second were J Barham, D Davies and L Bassett (Ashburnham) with 87.

There were three ladies who had a two – they were Norma Barber on the 10th, Delyth Williams on 7th, and Kay Phillips on the seventh.

The qualifying round for the Australian Spoons competition was played on April 22.

The first qualifiers were Norma Barber and Kath Evans with 37 points. Runners-up were Amy Watkins and Judi Pickard with 32 points.

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Barry RFC take their revenge against Porth

BARRY Firsts entertained Porth in a rearranged league fixture at the Reservoir Field.

With only three fixtures left, Barry were trying to consolidate their position in the table at the expense of a team who had beaten them convincingly earlier in the year.

Porth began the game by kicking for position, while Barry attempted to run at every opportunity, with neither side achieving any supremacy in those areas.

Porth did not retire following a penalty to Barry after a good drive by Bowdich, and the additional 10 yards gave Ryan the chance to put Barry ahead, which he duly took.

The visitors now began to use their physical forwards, normally

their strength, and they immediately began to put pressure on the Barry line, even opting for quick penalties rather than kicking for goal.

However, Barry defended well to deny the visitors and with some clever counter attacks and touch finds, they gained good territory.

From a line out, Barry stole the ball and attacked through a nice break by Hardy, who found Evans on his shoulder to charge over from 20 yards to extend the home lead. The conversion was missed.

Barry could have scored on a couple of occasions before half-time.

Early exchanges saw Barry unable to hold on to much possession as their play became loose, and vital lineout ball was being lost through inaccu-

rate throwing, putting the side under unnecessary pressure and conceding penalties. This finally pushed the referee into binning Evans for illegal play.

Porth made the extra man count, but somehow the defence held firm without conceding a point.

Still attacking on Barry's 22-metre line, the home side somehow managed to steal the ball and launched an attack which quickly found Williams, who hurtled down the touchline from some 60 yards, beating the covering defence cleverly to score wide out for a fine individual try.

The try gave Barry the chance mix their game with some good positional kicking, allied with strong ball carrying, forcing Porth back on defence. However, yet

again they incurred the wrath of the official, who deemed an infringement on the floor was sufficient to send Bowdich to the bin.

Barry counter attacked to great effect, nearly scoring on two occasions before scoring their third try.

A good break from Hadfield broke down but Hollister was on hand to collect the loose ball to crash over for a try, converted by Ryan.

As the game entered its final 10 minutes with the light failing, Barry kept on the attack and were rewarded with a fourth try, and bonus point, from a clever kick by Adams, who linked up nicely to put O'Sullivan over the line to make the final score 25-0, with the conversion missed.

Once again, a good team effort resulted in a fine win against a side above them in the league, which goes to show the inconsistency of the team, due in no small way for the need to constantly change selection due to injury or unavailability of players. A settled side would surely have achieved more this season. It must be said that the introduction of some current youth players to the senior side has been a great success and bodes well for the future, well done to them.

AJ



Steve and Robbie.

Captains drive into the new golf season

STARTED at the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews way back when, the incoming captains at most golf clubs hit a drive down the first hole to welcome in the new season, when normally a cannon is fired.

Unfortunately, Brynhill Golf Club did not have access to a cannon, so an appreciative crowd clapped heartily as captain Steve Jones and ladies' captain Robbie Lee smashed their drivers down the first hole on a lovely sunny day to usher in the 2011/12 season.

IJ

Vale MP takes the plunge at Sub-Aqua Club

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined Barry Sub Aqua Club for training in the pool at Bryn Hafren School, Barry, last week.

A branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club, they are keen to welcome new members and the MP was the latest to join the squad for a dip in the water.

He first viewed the juniors group in the pool before being put through his paces by Russell Phillips in the

senior/adult sub-aqua session.

Mr Phillips, a stalwart of the club, instructed Mr Cairns on the basic skills needed before taking him into the water for his 'try-dive'.

Afterwards, the MP commented: "It was great to have someone of Russell's diving calibre and experience talk me through the process before taking me into the water. Russell has been a diver for over 28 years and his instruction was second to none".

Junior golfers flourish at St Andrews

ST ANDREWS Major Golf Club is set to become the centre of excellence for junior golfers throughout the Vale and beyond.

It already boasts more than 40 junior members and membership is increasing every month.

The committee arrange and pay for free golf lessons for junior members with the club professional, John Hastings, who is

now a key factor in the promotion of junior golf.

John is actively involved in the 5 x 60 programme with pupils from three local schools, St. Richard Gwyn, Barry Comprehensive and St Cyres, and is also responsible for the young masters golf (YMG) programme in the area.

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Rhosee under-12s prove too strong for Cowbridge rivals

RHOSEE started this game well and soon took the lead with a long range effort by Jay Munn.

Rhosee continued to play some good attacking football with Josh Morgan, Cameron Leach and Mitch McCabe all getting on the scoresheet before half time. In the second half, Cowbridge looked sharp on the break and soon reduced the deficit.

Rhosee defenders Matt Cottingham,

Patrick O'Carroll, Ryan Hughes and Edward Thomas had to remain focused and kept their shape well.

Goal of the match was by Daniel Cope, with a superb effort from the half-way line.

Andrew Wilson and Jordan Holt looked assured in midfield, spreading the ball well, while Michael Wilson was composed in goal and Lee Bartlett helped Josh Morgan, Mitch McCabe and Cameron Leach increase their goal tally.

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Two wins to Barry after third meeting of season against St Joseph's RFC

ON Saturday, Barry entertained the Cardiff club for their third meeting of the season. The score stood at one apiece, with St Josephs having won an early cup round and Barry being victorious in the league fixture at Blackweir.

The home team, having the advantage of the slope and a light wind during the first half, took no time to settle into their stride.

After five minutes they turned down a simple penalty chance under the sticks for the opportunity to convert pressure into more points.

While they did not

succeed with this ploy, they were rewarded minutes later with a Rhys Hardy try near the posts, which was duly converted by Lee.

Things improved for the home team when a good high kick ahead was mishandled by the St Joseph's defenders.

From the ensuing melee the ball was pounced upon by Dix to scorch over for his debut try.

Lee added the extra points.

While the visitors were showing plenty of spirit, Barry contributed to a long passage of stalemate with sloppy play and lack of concentration.

Indiscipline crept into their play and an old problem re-appeared. Forwards recycle good

Barry RFC 34
St Josephs RFC 22

by Chris Oxenham

possession only for outside backs to ignore men free outside them!

So it was only from broken play that chances were going to appear, and Adams did score a good try for Lee to convert from mid-way out.

Another puzzling feature of the half was the Barry choice of short lineout throws when in attacking positions.

The second half was an amalgam of St Josephs coming back into the game and the home side doing their utmost to help them!

Only ten minutes into the half, captain Jones received a yellow card.

St Josephs took play to the Barry line but their depleted ranks of defenders had no answer when the visitors opted for a concerted shove to gain a deserved try.

The conversion was successful to cut the home lead to 11 points.

Twenty minutes in, Barry gained a foothold in St Joseph's territory and were awarded a penalty which Lee slotted over.

There was not to be a resurgence in Barry's fortunes however. A hack-on from midfield brought a scrambled try for the Cardiff team with the extra points missed when the kick rebounded from an upright.

Following yet another period of scrappy play, Barry's Ryan broke clear to put Danny Williams clear. The lucky went

their way when the conversion also hit a post, but this time bounced over the bar.

As full time approached the visitors got the reward their efforts deserved in the form of another converted try.

The scene was set for a nervous few minutes of defending by the home side. Their blushes were spared when good aggressive work by Evans and O'Sullivan created a penalty chance for Lee, which widened the points difference to twelve at the close.

Barry: Lee, Adams, Busitil, Ryan, Dix, Hardy, Gallivan, Bowditch, Evans, Hollister, Gill, Deguara, O'Sullivan, Hadfield, Jones. Subs: D Williams, Morgan, J Williams.

Barry conclude this campaign when they entertain Abercwmboi at the Reservoir Field this Saturday, kick off 2.30pm.

Read the match report from the team's encounter with Porth on page 35.

Dinas in control against their west Wales visitors

DESPITE having a number of players missing through suspensions and injuries, Dinas still managed a comfortable victory over the visitors, with the defence in particular looking strong.

Ammanford's Richard Lewis made his intentions clear right from the off with a 25-yard shot over the bar and then a much better effort that Dave Burnett did well to push round the post.

A minute later, Dinas took the lead when a Steve Provis long throw was headed out to the edge of the area, only for Ricki Morgan to hit a left-foot volley back over the 'keeper and into the net.

Barrie Gunstone nearly doubled the lead with a shot just wide of the post with the 'keeper beaten. At the other end, Ammanford's captain Luke Fayres shot wide of goal and Dean Jenkins' effort was too high.

On 28 minutes, Dinas doubled their lead and again it was a Provis long throw that caused the visitors problems.

DINAS POWYS 4
AMMANFORD 0

When the throw was headed on, two defenders let the ball run to the far post where Gareth Tedstone beat 'keeper Gruff Harrison from six yards.

Just before half-time, Mark Dunford had a good chance to score the third when Ben Dimond's mis-hit shot was just out of reach.

Three minutes into the second half, Dinas survived appeals for handball in the area before Ammanford's Fayres thought his header was going in, only to see 'keeper Burnett make an excellent save.

Twenty-three minutes into the second half, Gareth Tedstone and Mark Dunford did well to free Ricki Morgan but his finish was saved by the feet of the 'keeper.

Two minutes later, a corner was headed out beyond the area and again Morgan was on hand to strike another volley back over the 'keeper from 25 yards for his second, and Dinas's third.

Manager Marc Cahill brought on all three subs

for the last 15 minutes, with the visitors' defence wilting in the sun and it was substitute Joe Briscoe who finished the scoring with a 15-yard shot low into the corner of the net, following good work by Barrie Gunstone.

A special mention should be made for two-goal Ricki Morgan, who played despite injury in what was a much depleted squad. This result lifts Dinas to sixth place in Welsh League Division Two.

Squad: Dave Burnett, Danny Street, Ben Dimond, Mike Haywood, Dave Penikett, Jon Carpentier, Ricki Morgan, Stephen Provis, Mark Dunford, Barrie Gunstone, Gareth Tedstone. Subs: Rhys Davies, Rafiq Kaid, Joe Briscoe, Amanj Hassan.

Next game: April 30, Dinas Powys v Treharris Athletic Western (kick-off 2.30pm). MW

Millwood grab two wins over Cadoxton teams

Cadoxton Imps v Millwood Inn
HAVING been unlucky to lose to Sully last week, Millwood's next opponents were bottom of the league Cadoxton Imps.

The game started brightly and a long throw by Galsworthy was flicked on at the near post by Simon Robbins, to be met by Connell, who scored from close range.

Scoring so early and playing some good football, Millwood got sloppy at the back and David Aizlewood glanced a header in to the far post.

Connell hit a screamer from 20 yards for Millwood, then Josh Mazey turned and shot from a tight angle to score his first goal since joining the club.

Millwood were now running riot and it wasn't long before another goal came along for Connell to complete his hat trick.

On a rare attack, Cadoxton made it 4-2 and from the restart, Connell struck his fourth for a 5-2 half-time score.

Mason's shot squirmed under the 'keeper while number seven was scored by Anthony Connell, a rocket from the edge of the area.

Mason scored a half volley and completed his hat trick for the second

time in three games.

Millwood hit double figures for the first time in the club's history when Mazey volleyed from close range and doubled his tally for a final score of 10-2.

Cadoxton Barry v Millwood Inn
CADOXTON BARRY were out of the traps the quicker but Josh Mazey came close to breaking the deadlock.

To keep up his goal-a-game ratio, Mason was on target again after a good move by Mazey, Harvey and Fallas.

In the second half, both teams had chances. Connell then had a shot saved, which fell to Mason who blasted at the post. The rebound fell to Fallas, whose shot deflected for a corner, and Connell drilled the corner straight into the box for 2-0.

Millwood deserved the win in what was a good game played at a good tempo by both teams in very hot weather.

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The Stags return to winning ways against Hopkinstown CC

LAST Sunday, Nathan Baker's Barry Athletic CC XI cruised to an 81-run victory over Hopkinstown CC.

Glorious sunshine was evident at the Barry Oval and the pitch proved to be very friendly towards the batsmen. It came as no surprise when Baker won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Stags began very brightly as boundaries were being hit at a consistent rate, rocketing to 110-1 from 20 overs. There was no sign of any revival from the visitors as the Stags continued to control the match, but as soon as Ian Gadd (36) was dismissed, the Stags began to endure a mini-collapse.

Ashley Baker (13), Henry Dawson (2) and Lee Morgan (81) all fell in quick suc-

cession and the Stags went from 117-1 to 177-6, bringing the visitors back into the match.

However, Andrew Buckland (59 n/o) was on hand to rescue the Stags and propel them to a respectable 227-7 from their 40 overs.

After the tea session, the Stags maintained their hold on the match with some fantastic bowling and fielding performances.

Jake Griffith (3-31) and Dafydd Frost (2-25) provided the Stags with early wickets and gave the visitors something to worry about, and they were in danger of being dismissed for an embarrassing total.

However, batting performances from R Weeks (45) and S Parish (22) brought Hopkinstown back into contention, but

with wickets slowly running out, it was always going to be an uphill challenge and the pressure soon got to them. Hopkinstown were eventually bowled out for just 146.

The league season is rapidly approaching and with the Stags getting the winning feeling at the right time, the question is, can they begin the league season positively?

Next week, the Stags play host to newly-promoted Vale CC on Saturday, and then St Fagans CC on Monday, where they will hope to continue their winning mentality.

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